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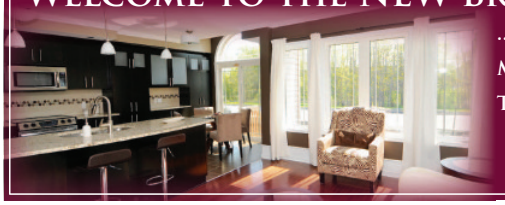

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Keeping leaves CTV airwaves

NEWS After 37 years as one of the most recognizable faces in the community, an Ottawa broadcasting legend will sign off for the last time Friday.

CTV's Max Keeping will deliver his final newscast at 6 p.m. Friday, but don't worry, he's not going far.

The 67-year-old will continue to appear at charity events and functions as a community ambassador.

"It is not a celebration of me," Keeping said of Friday's events in a statement.

"It is instead an opportunity to celebrate the audience that has supported this news team so loyally for three decades."

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Herieth Paul, front, and Nemanja Baletic show off jewelry by Micalla, designed by Camilla Jorgensen, at Ottawa Fashion Week. Hundreds of people attended the show at Ottawa Arts Court Thursday night. More photos at metronews.ca/local

Freeze to hit 1M workers

Public sector salary to ease Ont.'s $110B deficit: Duncan

Ontario **Budget**

More than one million Ontario public sector workers were put on salary freeze alert Thursday by a provincial government staring down a jaw-dropping $110 billion in deficit spending over eight years.

While Finance Minister Dwight Duncan presented his 2010 budget in the most conciliatory of tones, the message was clear: Those drawing salaries from the taxpayers' purse need to share in the province's fiscal pain.

With the groundwork laid for tensions with those million workers, including civil servants, teachers and doctors, Duncan insisted that everyone wants to work together.

"I think most Ontarians will say these folks have got the right balance; they're eliminating a deficit in a prudent and responsible fashion, they are continuing to make the investments that we value in education, health care," he said.

Despite an unprecedented $21.3-billion shortfall last year and nearly $20 billion in the next, the governing Liberals are pressing the snooze button on their plans to rebalance the books and putting off much of the agony until after the 2011 election.

Ontario won't return to balance until 2017-18, two years after Ottawa is expected to be back in the black.

Compensation across the broader public sector accounts for more than half of the government's spending, Duncan said.

He hopes to save $750 million with a freeze on wages and benefits, with only municipal employees and police forces spared.

A pay freeze on elected politicians will continue for another two years and expand to 310,000 non-unionized public sector employees.

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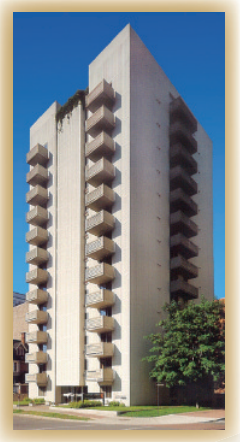

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Microchip clinic for pets on Sunday

In an attempt to ensure pets always find their way home, the Ottawa Humane Society is encouraging the public to take advantage of its microchip clinic happening this Sunday. By appointment only, the clinic will be implanting animals with identification microchips from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., for $45 per pet.

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News in brief

INDUSTRIAL DEATH A 26-year-old man is dead after being crushed under stone at an industrial worksite near Manotick Thursday morning. The man had been operating an excavator and loading crushed stone into a dump truck at Green Valley Environmental Services at 6107 First Line Rd. when chunks of solidified material detached from the top of a 12-metre-pile and crushed the cab. Paramedics declared the man deceased shortly after their arrival. The Ministry of Labour is investigating.

JOB LOSSES The National Gallery of Canada is laying off 18 people, and is eliminating a total of 27 full-time positions as part of a restructuring announced Wednesday.

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What's online today.

Video Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he's "upset" child-killer Clifford Olson is receiving an old-age pension in prison, at **metronews.ca/canada**

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Earth Hour-themed parties way to go

Movement's founders say time is for celebration, not gloomy sitting in dark

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Earth Hour is supposed to be a party.

"We absolutely, in designing Earth Hour, had a celebration in mind," said World Wildlife Fund spokesman Josh Laughren. "It is supposed to be a fun, engaging and positive look at what is possible. It isn't about sitting in the dark being depressed about climate change."

This Saturday will mark the third year that residents in Ottawa have participated in Earth Hour.

A global movement that invites individuals, businesses, governments and communities to turn out all non-essential lighting from 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. on Saturday in support of action on climate change, Earth Hour began in Sydney, Australia, in 2007 and has since spread to cities worldwide.

According to Mayor Larry O'Brien, enough energy was saved in Ottawa last year to power 55 houses for a month.

Already, Earth Hour-themed get-togethers are popping up all over the web, with helpful tips for ways to spend the evening in the dark.

"My group of friends really enjoys theme parties," said Ottawa party planner, Katie Stewart. "So we thought it would be fun to get together for the environment."

Stewart is planning to break out some board games and hold an ugliest candle competition.

"I encouraged people to bring appetizers with an environmental theme, like organic or fair trade," she said.

The outdoors is another energy-saving option for those looking for ways to spend their hour of darkness. If you stop by Parliament Hill prior to 8:30 p.m., you can watch the lights go out on the Peace Tower and participate in the Green party's candlelight vigil.

Helping species-at-risk 'a challenge': CWF

NATURE The Canadian Wildlife Federation launched a $1-million Endangered Species Program Thursday to conserve at-risk wildlife across Canada and engage more Canadians in supporting species-at-risk.

Three individuals made a statement about how the Canadian Wildlife Federation program has benefited them — without saying a word.

Oakley, a wood turtle, Apollo, a peregrine falcon, and Copper, an eastern fox snake, made appearances at the Canadian Museum of Nature Thursday to share a message — animals are disappearing and something must be done.

"There are too many species too close to the edge right now," said Jody Gienow, host of the Hinterland Who's Who.

One of the reasons why wood turtles are disappearing is habitat loss, said Gienow, who also runs the Muskoka Wildlife Centre.

Wood turtles' habitats, near streams and rivers, are disappearing, she said. "We're actually making new nesting sites for them and they're working. The turtles are using them. And we've put protection rules in place to make sure people can't get into those areas and develop them."

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Jody Gienow, host of the Hinterland Who's Who, holds Copper, an endangered eastern fox snake, at the Canadian Museum of Nature Thursday. There are too many species close to being endangered right now, she said.

The peregrine falcon is a success story, Gienow said. Once considered extricated — a step away from extinction — in the province, action happened fast. Now, "peregrines are doing better in the province," she said.

Gienow thanked the CWF yesterday for its funding.

"Work to maintain or enhance species-at-risk is a challenge that requires a joint effort among industry, government, conservation organizations and individual Canadians," said the organization's executive director Rick Bates.

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Local MPP, mayor react to record deficit

BUDGET Only in Dalton McGuinty's Ontario would someone be pleased with a $21-billion deficit, said Nepean-Carleton Progressive Conservative MPP Lisa MacLeod.

Since McGuinty took office, the average household share of the provincial debt has risen from around $30,000 to nearly $60,000, said MacLeod.

"My question to voters in Ottawa and anyone in the region is, 'do you feel you are getting that $30,000 value today,'" said MacLeod.

Mayor Larry O'Brien acknowledged that the record deficit left the province with limited options to support municipalities in the budget, and expressed concern future plans to reduce the deficit could come at the expense of important municipal projects such as social housing, transit and public health.

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Toronto sendoff for Watson questioned

Fundraiser could be interpreted as way for mayoral candidate to milk Liberal connections: Cullen

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A sendoff for Jim Watson from his friends in Toronto is raising eyebrows in Ottawa.

Watson, the former MPP for Ottawa West-Nepean, spent seven years at Queen's Park as a cabinet minister before stepping down in February to run for mayor of Ottawa.

To see him off, Watson's supporters are holding a $300-per-ticket fundraising party for him on April 6 in Toronto.

Although the party is a fundraising event, it is not an official campaign event, said Serge Arpin, a spokesperson for Watson.

"It's being run by a group of volunteers in Toronto," said Arpin. "That's the only event we're aware of that's happening outside of Ottawa. The vast majority of events and donations, above 99 per cent, will come from the city of Ottawa."

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Supporters for Ottawa mayoral candidate Jim Watson are hosting a $300-per-ticket fundraising party for him in Toronto on April 6.

While there is nothing wrong with receiving donations from residents of other cities, Bay Ward Coun. Alex Cullen — also registered to run for mayor — said the perception of the event is that Watson is "milking" his Liberal party connections in Toronto to pad his campaign coffers.

The event is being co-chaired by Bob Richardson and Noble Chummar, who both have close ties to the Liberal party.

Holding such an event in Toronto will help Watson make and maintain relationships that can benefit Ottawa if he is elected mayor, said Chummar.

The Toronto event for Watson is also accepting corporate donations. That's legal for candidates running in Ottawa, but not for candidates running in Toronto.

Although city council elected not to institute a prohibition on corporate donations, Cullen has been a leading advocate for the ban in Ottawa.

"It's legal, but I don't think its right," Cullen said.

Watson is officially launching his campaign with a party at the Ukrainian Orthodox Church on Byron Avenue on April 18.

Man facing child porn charges

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SUSPECT Police have charged a man with child pornography-related offences following an investigation prompted by information received in mid-February.

Police said Thursday they executed a search warrant at an Ottawa address on Tuesday and discovered a large quantity of child pornographic material.

They seized a computer and media and charged a man with possession, making, distribution and accessing of child pornography.

Tyler Hussey, 29, appeared in court Wednesday.

The investigation is ongoing.

Police probe gunshots in Marlin Private area

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INVESTIGATION Police are investigating after gunshots fired in the area of Marlin Private and Cahill Drive Wednesday night.

At around 9 p.m., police responded to the 400 block of Marlin Private for a report of gunshots, police said Thursday.

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Man in 46-hour kidnap called a sexual sadist

A psychiatrist testified Thursday that Gerard Baumgarte, who dressed up as a police officer before kidnapping and sexually assaulting a 16-year-old girl over 46 hours, is a sexual sadist. Baumgarte, 57, was to be sentenced in Red Deer, Alta., on Friday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Tweet! It's Earth Hour

Earth Hour is Saturday at 8:30 p.m. What will you be doing? This week, we're sharing some tweets from Metro readers.

@victorias_view: "Rocking out on my acoustic and drinking lots of wine! That's my story and I'm sticking to it!"

@kieltyka24: "I plan to be rolling down a green, grassy hill and hug a beehive."

What sunk the Edmund? Lightfoot thinks again

Gordon Lightfoot has changed the lyrics of his 1976 hit The Wreck Of The Edmund Fitzgerald.

The singer was impressed by evidence presented in an episode of the new Canadian made-for-TV documentary series Dive Detectives.

So he has removed from the song the implication that human error played a part in the 1975 Lake Superior shipping tragedy in which 29 lives were lost.

"He's not re-recording the song, but he has already changed a line for live performances," a spokesperson for Lightfoot said Thursday.

"He was pretty impressed by what he saw in the film, new evidence that unsecured hatch covers didn't cause the ship to sink."

The traditional verse goes: "When supper time came the old cook came on deck/Saying 'Fellows it's too rough to feed ya'/At 7 p.m. a main hatchway caved in/He said, 'Fellas it's been good to know ya'."

Lightfoot's lyrics have now been changed to: "When supper time came the old cook came on deck/Saying 'Fellows it's too rough to feed ya'/At 7 p.m. it grew dark, it was then/He said, 'Fellas it's been good to know ya'," Lightfoot's spokesperson said.

"He may change it again, but this is the version that he's doing in his concerts right now," the spokesperson said.

In Dive Detectives airing on History Television March 31, a father-and-son diving team present evidence that a 15-metre rogue wave was the real cause of the wreck.

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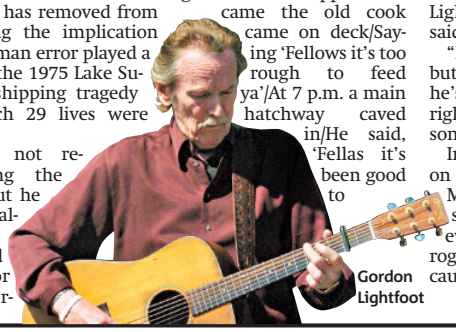

Gordon Lightfoot

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Robert Pickton's lawyer Gil McKinnon, left, leaves the Supreme Court of Canada in Ottawa on Thursday.

Supreme Court reserves judgment

PICKTON The Supreme Court has reserved judgment on whether serial killer Robert Pickton should get a new trial.

Pickton's lawyers argued Thursday that his right to a fair trial was compromised by faulty instructions from the trial judge.

Pickton was convicted in 2007 on six second-degree murder charges in the deaths of Vancouver prostitutes. He is serving a life sentence with no possibility of parole for 25 years.

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PM upset at pension for Olson

CRIME Prime Minister Stephen Harper says he shares concerns that child killer Clifford Olson is receiving a pension.

Harper says he has asked his finance minister to look at ways to change the system

Olson was jailed for life in 1982.

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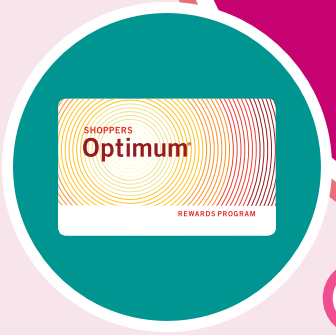

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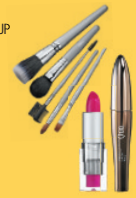

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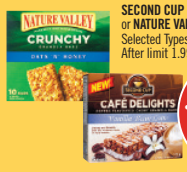

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Two Edmonton radio announcers are proud as peacocks after capturing an exotic bird that was on the lam for days. The DJs from radio station The Bounce captured the peahen on a roof with a net. It had eluded capture attempts by wildlife officers. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Orthodontics involves the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of facial irregularities. These irregularities often result in "malocclusion" or problems with the way in which teeth fit together. Commonly known as "bad bites", orthodontic problems can affect both your dental and general health, as well as your personal appearance.

If the teeth are out of position, they are more difficult to clean, increasing the risk of tooth decay and periodontal (gum) disease. If chewing is difficult, people may not eat the foods needed for good nutrition. If your bite is poor, extra strain may be placed on the chewing muscles, possibly causing pain and problems with your jaw joint. Speech impairment, bone destruction and chipped teeth may also result from orthodontic problems.

Orthodontic treatment can be beneficial and successful at any age, fact is about 25% of today's orthodontic patients are adults. The human body and it's skeletal structure are not static, but change on a day to day basis throughout our lives. These changes in bone and tissue ultimately cause movement in our teeth as we grow and mature.

You may be pleasantly surprised to learn that orthodontics has undergone considerable technical advancement in recent years. **New materials and techniques designed to be comfortable, discreet and easier to keep clean are being used in certain cases eliminating the elastic ties that can attract and collect plaque, making dental hygiene therapy easier during treatment.**

"Space age" wires being developed through NASA are more resilient, and can result in faster treatment, fewer appointments, greater comfort, and consistently satisfactory results. Braces are also being made less visible. Clear or tooth coloured brackets, (the portion of the braces bonded to the teeth) are gaining in popularity because they are less noticeable. There are even lingual braces available for people who want complete obscurity. These are applied to the inside surfaces of the teeth, and are completely hidden.

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Alleged kidnapper in court

Woman was held captive for a month, police say

A 62-year-old man facing charges in the month-long disappearance of a woman made a brief appearance in a New Brunswick courtroom on Thursday.

Romeo Jacques Cormier was arrested just hours after the woman was discovered Wednesday, not far from where she was last seen leaving her job at a Moncton mall.

He has been charged with kidnapping, unlawful confinement, assault with a weapon, sexual assault, uttering death threats and theft.

A judge has placed a publication ban on anything that would identify the alleged victim.

Cormier sat quietly as the charges were read, but nodded to the family of the woman as he was led from court.

His case was adjourned until April 12.

Police have said the 54-year-old woman was held in the basement apartment of a duplex before somehow getting out and flagging down a passing driver.

She was reunited with family Wednesday night.

At a news conference, two of the woman's daughters thanked the police and community for their help during the search.

They thanked the media, saying their mother was able to see news reports about her disappearance on television.

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An RCMP officer escorts 62-year-old Romeo Jacques Cormier from court in Moncton, N.B.

"Your dedication to the coverage of this story kept the family focused and motivated," a daughter said.

"In addition, Mom was able to watch some of the coverage and drew great strength from our words from day to day."

One daughter said they learned a lot about the strength of their mother.

"We had absolutely no idea how strong until we sat with her all last night and heard her stories, and it's incredible, incredible."

"We got our mother back, but we got our father back, too."
A daughter

They said their father is overjoyed.

"I wish you could see his smile," one daughter said.

"We got our mother back, but we got our father back, too. He's got his life back. He's so happy."

Another daughter read a statement from their mother:

"I would like you to know that I am so happy to have this horrible experience come to an end.

"Being home with family is the mental image that kept me focused each day and now it is reality again.

"I would like to send a special thanks to my guardian angel, the driver who picked me up moments after my escape.

"Although my recovery will take time, I know that the strength of my family will help me through."

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Feds firm on pullout: It's 2011

WAR The federal government says it hasn't received a request from the U.S. to extend Canada's military mission in Afghanistan, and the deployment will end next year as planned.

Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon had a clear message for the House of Commons on Thursday: "As of 2011, we're out."

He was responding to opposition questions about a report that Washington will ask Ottawa to keep up to 600 troops in Afghanistan to train the Afghan army.

A Globe and Mail article said American officials have advised their Canadian counterparts that an "ask" is coming.

Cannon said he not received "a request of this nature."

He said Canada's military mission "will end in 2011 as set out in the throne speech and as repeated on many occasions."

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News in brief

FREE SPEECH Conservative firebrand Ann Coulter says she is going to file a complaint with the Canadian Human Rights Commission, arguing her treatment at the hands of the University of Ottawa provoked hatred against her. Coulter pulled out of an appearance there after 1,500 people tried to get into a venue already filled to capacity.

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Tory denies knowledge of grant
A Tory MP who's chairman of a Calgary firm says he had no idea the company received a $185,000 grant from his government last year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Desmarais eyes Indian market

Reclusive and powerful Quebec billionaire Paul Desmarais made a fortune investing in China early and wisely, plowing investments into the country long before it boasted the world's fastest-growing economy.

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Power Financial Corportion Board of Director members Paul Desmarais, left, and his son Andre Desmarais.

Now, Desmarais has his sights set on India, another burgeoning market.

Desmarais, who controls Power Corporation of Canada, a holding company with a vast web of assets around the globe, is dispatching Power Corp. vice chairman Henri-Paul Rousseau to New Delhi and Mumbai in early April, said several sources familiar with the matter.

Diplomats at the Canadian High Commission in New Delhi have been asked to set up meetings for Rousseau with politicians and influential business leaders. Later this year, Andre Desmarais, Paul Desmarais' son, is expected to follow up on Rousseau's visit.

"They may not be the first to India, but that doesn't matter," said a source familiar with Desmarais' plans. "Saying you have to be the first is like saying you were too late if you weren't already in America in 1812."

Desmarais' interest in India comes as the country plans an aggressive spending spree that should see billions spent to improve roads, railways, airports, power-supply plants and other infrastructure projects.

The Indian government has signalled plans to build or upgrade 47,000 kilometres of highways by 2015, an expansion which will cost an estimated $50 billion US a year.

Then there are India's bursting cities — 40 of them boast a population of more than one million. In Mumbai, India's commercial capital, half the population lives in slums. Running water is available for two to six hours a day. Some 35 per cent of homes lack basic sanitation.

"There is so much room for investment it boggles the mind," said a Western diplomat based in New Delhi. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Police beef up security in Manners case

Police have stepped up security outside a Toronto courthouse as the jury in the Jordan Manners murder case continues its deliberations today.
The panel has been trying to reach a verdict since Tuesday afternoon for two men charged with first-degree murder in the death of the 15-year-old student at his high school. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Nova Scotia MLA Trevor Zinck poses outside his constituency office in Dartmouth Thursday.

Nova Scotia MLA gets boot over expenses

A Nova Scotia backbencher was booted out of the embattled NDP government Thursday after the speaker of the legislature revealed there were "irregularities" in his handling of office expenses.

The announcement that Trevor Zinck, member of the legislature for Dartmouth North, was ousted from caucus came just hours before the government's throne speech.

NDP caucus chairwoman Vicki Conrad said the caucus no longer had trust in Zinck's conduct.

"Recently it became apparent there was a consistent problem with constituent expenses for which he had been reimbursed by the speaker's office," she said.

Conrad said problems with unpaid bills were brought to the attention of the speaker's office by an NDP staffer who had been sent to help Zinck deal with his office affairs.

Shortly after the announcement, Zinck told The Canadian Press he didn't misuse any funds.

The politician said he'd been late in paying constituency office bills for electricity, telephone and Internet because of a turnover in his office staff and because he had to assist in the care of his father, who required open heart surgery in the fall.

"I lost an assistant who'd been here for 11 1/2 years. ... It became very difficult to handle the workload," he said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Chief celebrates b-day clean and sober

FIRST NATIONS Natuashish Chief Simeon Tshakapesh says he'll celebrate his 42nd birthday and third month sober Friday as his people vote to lift or keep a divisive ban on booze.

The tiny Innu community on Labrador's north coast is badly split over a dry bylaw passed by just two votes in January 2008.

"I was drinking under the prohibition," Tshakapesh said from his home in Natuashish, about 300 kilometres north of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

"Now I'm sober and clean," he said of the lapse in an 11-year stretch of sobriety that saw him charged under the contentious ban. "I have been attending AA meetings... So I've been healing myself."

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News in brief

MURDER TRIAL A Quebec cardiologist charged with first-degree murder in the slayings of his two children is going to trial. Judge Francois Beaudoin ordered Guy Turcotte to stand trial after a lengthy preliminary hearing in Saint-Jerome, north of Montreal. Defence lawyer Pierre Poupart said he would not contest the decision. The evidence presented at the hearing is subject to a publication ban.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

More kids — especially aboriginals — getting Type 2 diabetes, study says

The report from the Manitoba Institute of Child Health says Type 2 diabetes, which is linked to obesity and other health issues, is no longer an adult disease. The report also says 44 per cent of all Canadian children newly diagnosed with the condition were of aboriginal heritage. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Arctic: The next battlefield?

MILITARY A study of Arctic countries around the world has found a significant buildup of military muscle in the North — from go-anywhere ice-breakers to fast ice-capable warships.

And as officials from those countries prepare to meet next week in Ottawa, the study's author wonders if that arms race could eventually lead to conflict — even one that has nothing to do with the North.

"It's not about a conflict in the Arctic so much as a conflict somewhere else spilling into the Arctic," said Rob Huebert of the University of Calgary's Centre for Military and Strategic Studies.

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Military shuffle

Leslie out as head of army

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Lt.-Gen. Andrew Leslie has been replaced as army chief amid sweeping changes.

A military thoroughbred once considered a front-runner for the job of chief of the defence staff is to be replaced as head of the army in a sweeping shuffle of top military posts announced Wednesday.

Lt.-Gen. Andrew Leslie, whose grandfather led the Canadian army in Second World War Europe, has not been given another appointment and his military future appeared to be in limbo.

A source with close military ties told The Canadian Press on Thursday that Leslie is being considered for one of several foreign postings, pending diplomat clearances.

He is being replaced by Maj.-Gen. Peter Devlin, who will be promoted to lieutenant-general when he takes over as chief of the land staff at National Defence Headquarters later this year.

A graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Devlin was deputy commanding general of the multi-national corps in Iraq from January 2007 until May 2008.

He has served as chief of defence intelligence and, most recently, as deputy commander of Canadian Expeditionary Forces Command.

Leslie, 52, commanded Canadian Forces in Kabul and was deputy commander of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force at the same time Devlin was there. He's been army chief since 2006.

Well-educated — his alma maters include Harvard Business School — and with a broad range of military experience, Leslie was considered a shoo-in for the top defence job after his Afghanistan stint.

But the popular "soldier's soldier," Rick Hillier, was given the post in 2005 and he was succeeded by his deputy, Gen. Walt Natynczyk, three years later, leaving Leslie's career a question mark.

Leslie's "next appointment will be announced at a later date," said a release from the defence minister's office announcing more than 100 senior appointments and a dozen retirements.

Leslie still has time. Soldiers can serve until age 60. He turns 53 in December and Natynczyk's term could be up as early as next year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Anti-Chavez TV station owner arrested

The owner of Venezuela's only television channel that remains critical of President Hugo Chavez was arrested Thursday, spurring concerns among rights activists of a widening government crackdown aimed at silencing critics. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

She's got the world going Gaga

Lady Gaga has broken two records, one for video views and one for music sales. The trendsetting singer is now the only digital-era artist to top the five million sales mark with her first two hits, according to Yahoo Music. Gaga also reached the one billion mark in video views, according to Mashable, the first artist to have her videos reach one billion views. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Venomous atmosphere

U.S. lawmakers condemn violence and threats borne from health-care bill

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi on Thursday condemned vandalism and threats against members of Congress who voted to overhaul the health-care system. Republicans joined in, telling people to calm down and saying they too were being targeted in an increasingly venomous political atmosphere.

"I don't want this to be a distraction" to the work of Congress, Pelosi said. But she also asserted that such violence and threats of reprisal have "no place in a civil debate in our country" and must be rejected.

Her sentiments were echoed minutes later by House Republican leader John Boehner, who said that while many are angry over the health care measure, "threats and violence should not be part of a political debate."

At least four Democratic offices in New York, Arizona and Kansas were struck and at least 10 members of Congress have reported some sort of threats, including obscenity-laced phone messages, congressional leaders have said. No arrests have been reported.

The House's No. 3 Republican, Eric Cantor of Virginia, said at a brief news conference Thursday that someone fired a bullet through a window of his campaign office in Richmond and he has received threatening emails.

Responding to Democrats who have accused Republicans of being too slow to condemn the attacks against lawmakers, he stressed that security threats are not a partisan issue.

"To use such threats as political weapons is reprehensible," he said.

The actions against Democrats have included racial slurs thrown at black lawmakers, email and phone death threats and bricks thrown through regional office windows.

Emails sent to Rep. Suzanne Kosmas, D-Fla., another member who switcher her vote, urged her to commit suicide and said she and her family should rot in hell. Another called her a "two-timing, backstabbing whore." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Final changes pass Senate

- The U.S. Senate has approved final changes to a bill that reshapes parts of the newly enacted health-care bill and sent it back to the House of Representatives for a final vote. The House is expected to pass it immediately.

Indonesia **Escaping floods**

ACHMAD IBRAHIM/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Villagers wade through chest-deep flood water in West Java, Indonesia, Thursday. Floods inundated villages across the region after an overflowing river burst its banks, forcing residents to evacuate.

Mars rover keeps on rolling

MARS The NASA rover Opportunity has passed the 19.3-kilometre mark on its marathon Mars mission. Opportunity hit the driving milestone this week as it headed toward its next destination, Endeavour crater. The aging but plucky rover still has another 11.6 kilometres to go to reach the site. Since landing in 2004, Opportunity and its twin Spirit have outlasted their original three-month mission. Unlike the freewheeling Opportunity, Spirit is stuck in a sand trap. Its power has been declining with the coming winter, and it's expected to go into hibernation mode. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Purported bin Laden tape released, vows revenge if 9-11 plotters killed

VIDEO Osama bin Laden threatened in a new message released Thursday to kill any Americans al-Qaida captures if the U.S. executes the self-professed mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks or other al-Qaida suspects.

In the 74-second audiotape aired on Al-Jazeera television, the al-Qaida leader explicitly mentions Khalid Sheik Mohammed, who was captured in Pakistan in 2003.

In 2008, the U.S. charged Mohammed with murder and war crimes in connection with the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks on the U.S. Pentagon officials have said they will seek the death penalty for him.

> **"Equal treatment is only fair. War is back-and-forth."**
> Osama bin Laden

Four of his fellow plotters are also in custody.

"The White House has expressed its desire to execute them. The day America makes that decision will be the day it has issued a death sentence for any one of you that is taken captive," Bin Laden said, addressing Americans.

After his March 2003 capture in Pakistan, Mohammed described himself as the architect of numerous terrorism plots and even claimed that "with my blessed right hand," he had decapitated Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl. Pearl was found beheaded in Pakistan in 2002.

Mohammed, appearing in June 2008 for the first time since his capture five years earlier, said he would welcome becoming a "martyr" after a judge warned him that he faces the death penalty for his confessed role as mastermind of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Bin Laden also said U.S. President Barack Obama is following in the footsteps of his predecessor George W. Bush by escalating the war in Afghanistan, being "unjust" to al-Qaida prisoners and supporting Israel in its occupation of Palestinian land.

"The politicians of the White House were and still are wronging us, especially by supporting Israel and occupying our land in Palestine. They think that America, behind oceans, is safe from the wrath of the oppressed, until the reaction was loud and strong in your homeland," he said of the Sept. 11 attacks.

"Equal treatment is only fair. War is a back-and-forth." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

South Africa to hand out 2.5 million condoms

JOHANNESBURG Thousands of health workers will help hand out 2.5 billion condoms and test 15 million people for HIV as part of the world's largest campaign in the country hardest hit by the virus, the health minister said Thursday.

After years of official denial and delay, South Africa's government last year embarked on an anti-AIDS drive, vowing to halve new infections and ensure that 80 per cent of those who need them have access to AIDS drugs by 2011.

Health Minister Dr. Aaron Motsoaledi has asked 9,000 retired South African doctors and health workers to help with testing and counselling during the $190 million US campaign.

He also has asked universities to lend their final-year medical students during the campaign's first week.

Every person receiving HIV counselling and testing will receive 100 male condoms each, and one billion others will be distributed to public facilities, including FIFA-accredited hotels for soccer fans during the upcoming World Cup tournament, Motsoaledi said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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NATO not admitting Georgia soon: Official
NATO's chief says there are no plans to admit Georgia into the 28-member alliance in the near future. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Racist emails probed

Australian cops investigated for offensive content

About 100 Australian police are being investigated for circulating racist and pornographic emails via the internal police email system, and one officer involved in the scandal has committed suicide, a top official said Thursday.

The investigation in Victoria state follows an independent citizens group report last week that police in the state capital Melbourne have targeted, taunted and beaten African teens, accusing the department of having a "culture of racism."

Police Chief Simon Overland acknowledged at the time that some officers were racist but said they were a small minority, and in announcing the email probe Thursday he noted that the material involved a variety of offensive themes, including pornographic and sexist material. The officer who committed suicide was not responsible for racist material, Overland said.

Overland refused to elaborate on the content of the emails, saying none of it was illegal but that all of it was offensive and in breach of department policy.

"How can a community have confidence in this organization if we allow racist, sexist, pornographic ... material to circulate freely around the organization?"
Victoria State Police Chief Simon Overland

"It's a mix of racist and pornographic and otherwise offensive material," he told reporters. "There are varying degrees of involvement and varying degrees of seriousness."

He would not confirm whether any of the racist material referred to Africans or Indians. Both groups have been the target of violence in Victoria state and have criticized police conduct in recent months.

The Age newspaper reported that the investigation centred on a graphic image of a non-Caucasian man being tortured. There were no other details on the image.

The months-long investigation led to two officers receiving what is called a Section 68 — notice that the commissioner has lost confidence in the officers and giving them a chance to explain why they should not be dismissed — for introducing the material into the police system.

Overland confirmed that a police officer who committed suicide earlier this week was one of two given the Section 68.

Overland said his goal in disciplining the officers was to uphold the department's values and keep the confidence of the community.

"How can a community have confidence in this organization if we allow racist, sexist, pornographic, inappropriate material to circulate freely around the organization?" Overland asked. "We can't do it."

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Scotland **Napoleon's dynamite pipe**

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Victoria Crake holds a pipe carved with Napoleon Bonaparte's double eagle crest Thursday in Edinburgh. The silver mounted pipe valued at about $1,200 will be auctioned off next week.

News in brief

SPAIN Up to a third of breast cancer cases in Western countries could be avoided if women ate less and exercised more, researchers at a conference said Thursday. Treatments, early diagnosis and screenings have dramatically slowed breast cancer, but experts said the focus should now shift to changing behaviours. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Officials at Vermont nuclear plant begin cleanup

Officials at a nuclear power plant in Vermont say they've stopped a leak of a radioactive substance and are starting to clean up the groundwater. Plant officials say the cleanup will begin Thursday and that no detectable tritium levels have been found in nearby drinking water. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Diana's home gets facelift

Princess Diana's former home, Kensington Palace, will be rebranded "The Enchanted Palace" Friday to lure tourists from other popular London sights, like Madame Tussauds waxworks and the Tower of London.

In this interactive age, it's not enough for a stately palace to offer royal art, staid banquet rooms, and roped-off thrones, so curators have opted for fashion, performance art, and a bit of Alice in Wonderland fantasy.

The exhibit, meant to draw viewers into the lives of past palace residents, uses intense lighting, actors and musicians to set the mood. One man even coaxes sound from a saw with a violin bow.

The tone is set by the Room of Royal Sorrows. No, it's not about Diana and her marriage to Prince Charles; it's a dramatization of the emotional torment of Queen Mary II as she tried in vain to a produce an heir. It is set in her bedchamber, giving the display an unsettling authenticity.

"The first time you walk into the room, it has an aura of sadness, but also incredible beauty," said designer Marcus Wilmont, part of the team that decorated the room.

Not every display is laced with tragedy.

One of Diana's elegant ball gowns is on display, and Vivienne Westwood, one of Britain's most revered designers, came up with a fanciful, and fantastic, dress designed to be worn by a rebellious princess. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Designer Echo Morgan arranges her "dress of the world," part of the new "Enchanted Palace" exhibition at Kensington Palace.

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Teenage refugee won't face adult charges

ARIZONA A teenage Liberian refugee charged in the gang-rape of an eight-year-old girl will be sent to the juvenile system for therapy and released in less than three years, rather than face more than 25 years in prison if convicted as an adult, a Phoenix judge ruled Thursday.

The teen, whom The Associated Press is not naming because of his age, had been the only one of four boys charged as an adult in the July attack.

The teen, now 15, was 14 at the time. All the children involved are refugees from the war-torn West African nation of Liberia.

Maricopa County Superior Court Judge Michael Kemp decided to send the teen's case to juvenile court Thursday, meaning he will undergo treatment and be released when he turns 18, possibly sooner.

"I thank God," said the teen's mother after falling to the floor in relief. "I'm almost in heaven."

The teen had pleaded not guilty in adult court to one count each of kidnapping, sexual assault and attempted sexual conduct with a minor, and five counts of sexual conduct with a minor.

He would have faced at least 26 years in prison if convicted of every count as an adult. Now he will have to be recharged in juvenile court, and his case will continue there.

He'll be housed in a juvenile jail rather than the adult facility where he has been since his arrest.

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News in brief

DRUG TRADE A new study from the U.S. Justice Department suggests Mexican criminal organizations have more than doubled heroin production in a year and have cemented their grip as the predominant wholesale suppliers of illicit drugs in the United States.

HIPPO Seattle's Woodland Park Zoo has euthanized its oldest animal — a 47-year-old hippo named Gertie — because of normal, age-related physical decline. The 2,268-kilogram hippo has lived at the zoo since 1966.

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An 81-year-old woman who has been charged with attempted murder for trying to shoot the wife of jazz pianist Eddie Palmieri. Maria Cartagena pleaded not guilty to attempted murder, criminal possession of a weapon and assault Wednesday and was being held on $25,000 bail. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mermaid takes a ride

Denmark's famed Little Mermaid statue left her perch in the Copenhagen harbour Thursday and started a journey to the World Expo in Shanghai — the first trip abroad in her 96-year history.

The 1.5-metre landmark, which honours the memory of Danish fairy-tale writer Hans Christian Andersen, was lifted by a crane and lowered onto the back of a truck at a ceremony in the Danish capital.

The exact travel itinerary is being kept secret for security reasons, but the statue is scheduled to be placed as the centrepiece of the Danish pavilion about a week before the World Expo opens May 1.

The temporary move is controversial in Denmark, where some considered it disrespectful to ship a cultural treasure halfway across the globe as a PR tool. Critics suggested the government should have sent a copy to China — an idea dismissed by Christopher Bo Bramsen, Danish commissioner-general for Expo 2010.

"Why send a copy when you can send the real thing?" he said.

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Copenhagen's famous little mermaid statue is moved from its steady spot at the Copenhagen harbour on Thursday. Its destination is the coming World Expo in Shanghai, China.

Bramsen joined Copenhagen Mayor Frank Jensen and officials from the Danish government and the Chinese Embassy at the ceremony, which featured music and dance performances by Danish and Chinese artists.

"I think they should keep her there. She doesn't represent Danish life in the 21st century. They should have sent something else," said Sarah Ahmed, a 16-year-old student in the crowd.

Anne-Marie Henning, 92, said she would miss the mermaid.

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Plot thickens in Alabama snack scion's suicide

SUICIDE The heir to a well-known Alabama snack food company took steps to make it look like he'd been abducted and murdered before he shot himself in the head, the coroner's office said Thursday.

Chief Deputy Jefferson County Coroner Pat Curry said 63-year-old Major Bashinsky killed himself after loosely binding his body with a rope and putting the label from a Golden Flake chips bag in his mouth. His body was found in a golf course pond on March 15.

An angry letter about the company and a bag of the chips were in his car when it was found on March 7.

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Judge orders 12-year-old held in juvenile detention after interstate chase

A 12-year-old Texas boy is accused of leading police on a nighttime interstate chase at speeds topping 160 km/h with the truck headlights off. A judge ruled Wednesday that the boy must stay in juvenile detention during the investigation. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Vatican deflects coverup charge

The Vatican on Thursday strongly defended its decision not to defrock an American priest accused of molesting some 200 deaf boys in Wisconsin and denounced what it called a campaign to smear Pope Benedict XVI and his aides.

Church and Vatican documents showed that in the mid-1990s, two Wisconsin bishops urged the Vatican office led by then-Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger — now the pope — to let them hold a church trial against the Rev. Lawrence Murphy. The bishops admitted the trial was coming years after the alleged abuse, but argued that the deaf community in Milwaukee was demanding justice from the church.

An American protester in Rome on Thursday called the Murphy case an "incontrovertible case of pedophilia."

Despite the grave allegations against Murphy, Ratzinger's deputy at the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith ruled that the alleged molestation had occurred too long ago and that Murphy — then ailing and elderly — should instead repent and be restricted from celebrating Mass outside of his diocese.

The deputy, Cardinal Tarcisio Bertone — now the Vatican's secretary of state — ordered the church trial halted after Murphy wrote Ratzinger a letter saying he was ill, infirm, and "simply want to live out the time that I have left in the dignity of my priesthood."

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Alleged victims

- Rev. Lawrence Murphy worked at the former St. John's School for the Deaf in St. Francis from 1950 to 1975. His alleged victims were not limited to that school. Donald Marshall, 45, of West Allis, Wis., said he was abused by Murphy while at the Lincoln Hills School, a juvenile detention centre in Irma, Wis.

Israel **Contentious construction**

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Ultra-orthodox Jewish men look at a construction site in the east Jerusalem neighbourhood of Ramat Shlomo on Thursday. Following a seemingly chilly reception at the White House, Benjamin Netanyahu is learning the hard way that he will not likely be able to settle east Jerusalem with Jews and maintain strong relations with the Obama administration. He will be hard pressed to please his far-right coalition partners and still negotiate credibly with the Palestinians.

Panic over Kashmir quake has some facing jail time

EARTHQUAKE Authorities have decided to go after rumour mongers who spread stories that a strong earthquake was likely to devastate Indian Kashmir, an official said Thursday.

The offenders could be arrested and jailed, said Amir Ali, a spokesman for the state's disaster management authority.

Text messaging triggered a panic across the Himalayan region after a 3.9-magnitude tremor hit Mattan, a town nearly 60 kilometres south of Indian Kashmir's main city Srinagar, on Tuesday.

"The moment we went back into our house after Tuesday's tremor I received frantic calls from friends saying that a big earthquake will strike," said resident Mushtaq Ahmed. "The tremor did not create as much panic as the rumour."

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British troops get surprise royal visit

AFGHANISTAN Britain's Prince Charles made an unannounced visit Thursday to Afghanistan, where he visited the Taliban-infested southern province where his youngest son, Harry, served for 10 weeks.

Charles, wearing military fatigues, recalled how much he worried about Harry when he was in Helmand province and sympathized with the families of other British soldiers serving in the country.

After laying a wreath of paper poppies and white carnations for the fallen at the largest British base in Helmand, Charles said troops can keep themselves busy in the field, but for the relatives left behind, it's "ghastly."

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Ann, don't let the door hit you...

UrbanCompass

While it's true Ann Coulter got less than the full measure of Ottawa hospitality this week, I can't quite bring myself to apologize for our churlishness.

The controversial right-wing pundit's speaking engagement at the University of Ottawa was scrubbed Tuesday amid student protests.

We can assume Coulter had another grab bag of dumb, ugly bon mots to share with her audience, as she did in London earlier in the week. There, she wittily told a Muslim student who brought up her earlier declaration that Muslims shouldn't be allowed on airplanes to "take a camel" as alternate transport.

Sadly, we'll never know for sure, as organizers, purportedly fearing violence from protesters, yanked the plug on her appearance.

Were their fears justified? Apart from the pulling of a fire alarm (juvenile, illegal and potentially dangerous) I've seen no indication of any unlawful or even threatening activity on behalf of any of the protesters. They showed up to boo Coulter, and she bailed.

She wasn't silenced. At worst, she was shouted down. That isn't pretty, but it comes with the territory in the loudmouth business, and it's hardly a violation of anyone's human rights, as Coulter now seems to be claiming.

Student politics are, like Coulter's, often rough and tumble, confrontational and devoid of nuance. Last month, U of O student federation president Seamus Wolfe, a prominent opponent of the Coulter event, was handcuffed by police on campus and charged with causing a disturbance for allegedly swearing at them. Coulter's clique might consider such an incident a heavy-handed affront to free speech, but I wouldn't count on it.

Event organizer Ezra Levant, for example, has pronounced the demonstration a black mark against free expression in Canada, but several remember his public applause last year when the government denied anti-war British MP George Galloway entry to Canada for a speaking engagement of his own. Levant's oft-declared zeal for free speech seems situational.

As for Coulter, considering that her entire speaking tour is putatively about censorship, her take on the evening's events was typically eccentric.

"It confirms my idea that you also need more liberal gun laws. Guns lead to a polite society, as we like to say in the United States," she told the Ottawa Citizen.

There are many places on the planet where people shut up for fear of being shot, but this isn't one of them.

Here, in Canada's capital, I can freely express whatever opinion I might have about Ann Coulter, but I think I'll skip it and just wish her a pleasant and prompt return home.

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Views

Back treatment ads may twist the truth

Marketplace

These days, it's hard to miss the transit ads, radio commercials, and full-page newspaper ads, promising relief for back pain. They're marketing something called "non-surgical decompression therapy," with headlines that claim the treatment comes "with a guaranteed success rate between 80 and 90 per cent!"

This back-pain treatment is a high-tech form of traction. Patients get strapped onto a table that pulls apart the vertebrae, supposedly allowing damaged discs to be rehydrated, and move back into position. The treatment is not cheap — up to $5,000 for 20 sessions.

In Oregon, the attorney general's office looked at the science behind the claims, and cracked down on the manufacturer of one of the more popular decompression tables, the DRX-9000.

Some back clinics claim the DRX-9000 relieves back pain because it's based on the spinal decompression that occurs to astronauts in space. However, astronaut Julie Payette actually gets back pain while in space.

So, what can you believe when it comes to healing back pain? We spoke to a dozen experts — from chiropractors to spinal surgeons — and they all suggested exploring cheaper alternatives like massage, chiropractic, physiotherapy and Pilates.

We also talked to one of Canada's best-known back doctors, spinal surgeon Hamilton Hall, and he's got some tips if you're suffering from back pain.

No. 1? Stay out of bed. Inactivity only makes things worse. Hall suggests you try moving or stretching in directions that reduce the pain. Surprisingly, in most cases, the more you move, the less it hurts.

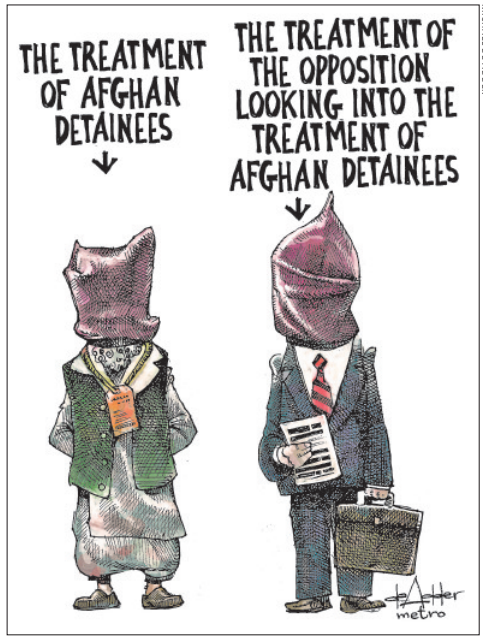
Good posture helps a lot. Keep the natural curve in your low back when you sit; use a lumbar roll.

Always remember that the spine is very strong and very well protected. It takes a great deal of trauma to cause serious injury. If it hurts, don't panic.

And the best news of all, 80 per cent of all back injuries heal themselves, within a few months.

Watch tonight at 8:30 when Marketplace goes undercover to visit a back clinic selling decompression therapy on CBC Television.

Erica Johnson is a journalist and co-host of Marketplace, which airs each Friday night at 8:30 on CBC Television.



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U.S. Subways are joining the breakfast scramble and will begin selling the popular and profitable meal early next month. The new menu is already being served in some cities but will be available at almost all of the sandwich chain's 23,000 U.S. restaurants April 5. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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TV broadcasters must get creative: Analysts

Canadian television is in a state of flux as viewers continue to migrate to the Internet for programming and weak advertising sales eat into the bottom line, but new rules by the national regulator intended to help broadcasters might not be enough to slow the decline of traditional TV, some analysts say.

Broadcasters will need to get creative when it comes to content if they want to keep eyeballs glued to the TV screens, and that could mean crime dramas and situation comedies take a backseat to more live programming likes sports and politics.

In the future, television viewers will likely choose to gather around the TV less for traditional programs and more for "something that captures the hearts and minds of everyone" such as sports and news events, said Iain Grant of the SeaBoard Group.

"For everything else, we'll suck it through the Internet," Grant said.

Earlier this week, the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunication Commission ruled in favour of broadcasters in their dispute in the so-called fee-for-carriage, or as it's now coined the "value for signal" issue.

However, the CRTC first wants the Federal Court of Appeal to rule on the issue, which the satellite and cable companies insist will end with consumers footing the bill.

Meanwhile, Grant said the business model of using advertising to pay for television programs is broken.

"I don't think you fix the business model," said Grant, who follows Canada's media and technology marketplace. "You change the company to go where the dollars are."

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The new boob tube

- Canadians are now spending more time each week on the Internet than they are watching TV, according to an Ipsos Reid poll. Overall, Canadians are now spending more than 18 hours a week online which also includes TV watching, says a poll released earlier this week. That compared with 16.9 hours watching television, the poll said.

China's 'Great Firewall' in effect

INTERNET Type "Falun Gong" in Chinese into Google's search engine from Beijing, and the web browser suddenly becomes unresponsive for about a minute. Make the same search from Hong Kong, and you'll get plenty of links to the spiritual movement banned by the Chinese government.

Internet users in mainland China and Hong Kong now share the same Google search site, but their experiences continue to widely differ, particularly on topics deemed sensitive by China's Communist leaders. The difference is that the government, rather than Google Inc., is now doing the censoring.

The findings in a recent Associated Press test offer insights into the sophistication with which China uses its complex "Great Firewall" to filter its citizens' online view of the world.

Recent searches for taboo topics from Beijing generally produced "page cannot be displayed" errors. The user's browser stops working for about a minute, longer if one tries to access forbidden sites in quick succession. In other words, it's not just the links to those sites that don't work; the results don't come back at all.

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Lululemon saw a boost in branding from the Olympics based in its home city, where it had two stores placed in high traffic areas.

Lululemon adding stores

ATHLETIC WEAR Clothing retailer Lululemon Athletica Inc. plans to open 25 new stores by June, with key locations in Florida, California and Texas, in a move it hopes will help reach its goal of 25 per cent earnings growth this year.

Its all part of what the Vancouver-based chain says is an aggressive strategy in 2010 and beyond as it seeks to extend that growth target to future years as well.

The maker of trendy activewear saw profits more than double in the fourth quarter of last year due to higher-than-expected demand for its yoga and exercise wear.

Lululemon said the company's profits rose to $28.5 million US, or 40 cents per share, for the three-month period ended Jan. 31 compared to a profit of $10.9 million or 16 cents a share in the same period last year.

The results beat analyst expectations of 29 cents per share.

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Railway outlook strengthening

TRANSPORT The volume of goods being transported across North America by rail is expanding, an investment bank says, but Canada's second-biggest railway is still cautious about the overall economic outlook for 2010.

Canadian carloads are 15 per cent higher so far in 2010 compared with the year-earlier period, when the recession ate away at demand for many of the products that move across the continent by rail, UBS Investment Research wrote in a note to clients Thursday.

UBS cited "notable strength" in automotive, metals, building materials, chemicals, coal and intermodal goods at Canada's two main railways, industry leader CN Rail of Montreal and No. 2 CP Rail.

Railways are often considered a bellwether for the state of the wider economy.

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Ontario Weapons plant

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London-West MP Ed Holder, middle, presents a "welcome" mat to Kongsberg president Egil Haugsdal. Prime Minister Stephen Harper, left, announced Kongsberg Defence and Aerospace's decision to open a new weapons manufacturing facility in London, Ont., Thursday. The weapon system to be produced can be mounted on light armoured vehicles, and is designed to protect soldiers inside. Canadian soldiers already use the system on their LAVs in Afghanistan.

Business in brief

BANKING TD Bank chief executive Ed Clark says some of the global rules being proposed by regulators could actually have a negative impact on the banking system. Clark told investors at the bank's annual meeting in Quebec City on Thursday that one rule would require banks to put up the same amount of capital for both high-risk and low-risk assets.

WIRELESS Rogers Communications Inc. says it's strengthening its wireless mobile coverage in northern Ontario by partnering with a regional provider based in Thunder Bay, Ont. The Toronto-based telecom giant says it's partnering with TBayTel, using the independent company's HSPA network to provide a wider variety of services to an underserviced region of the province.

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'Cloudman' billboard lauded

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Group Toyota suits: Panel

A special panel of U.S. federal judges is being asked Thursday to consolidate before a single court dozens of proposed class-action lawsuits filed by Toyota owners who say the value of their vehicles has plummeted after millions were recalled for safety fixes.

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Toyota lawyer Cari Dawson leaves the federal courthouse after a hearing on whether dozens of cases will be consolidated before a single judge in San Diego Thursday.

The decision, expected in about two weeks by the seven-member U.S. Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, will set the stage for eventual trial or settlement of the roughly 100 cases filed nationwide, which could potentially cost Toyota billions of dollars in damages.

"Somebody is going to get this thing. It is going to be a ton of work," said attorney David R. Cohen of Cleveland, who has been appointed frequently as a "special master" to assist judges in similar cases.

The judge who is chosen will make several key decisions, including whether all Toyota owners affected by the recalls should be treated as a single class that could be paid for the vehicles' lost value. Toyota also is expected to ask for dismissal of the case.

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Union prosecutes forestry giant

LABOUR The United Steelworkers is launching a private prosecution against forestry giant Weyerhaeuser over the death of a sawmill worker, three years after B.C. Crown lawyers found there was limited chance of a negligence conviction.

The union says it has hired criminal lawyer Glen Orris to prosecute Weyerhaeuser on its behalf in connection with the death of sawmill worker Lyle Hewer six years ago.

WorkSafeBC fined Weyerhaeuser Canada $297,000 after the 55-year-old was engulfed by wood debris as he tried to clear a jammed silo.

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Booth taken to hospital after hit

Florida Panthers forward David Booth was taken to hospital after a shoulder hit to the head by Montreal Canadiens defenceman Jaroslav Spacek on Thursday night. Booth, who missed 45 games this season with a concussion, was crossing the Montreal blue-line with his head down when Spacek stepped into him with a shoulder. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Sports

Hughes wins spot in rotation

Phil Hughes, left, was selected Thursday as the New York Yankees' fifth starter, beating out Joba Chamberlain and three others. Hughes was happy with the decision, announced by manager Joe Girardi before the Yankees played a road game against Baltimore. Girardi said Chamberlain will be given an opportunity to pitch out of the bullpen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Sens' goalie Brian Elliott has posted shutouts in his last two starts. His shutout streak is at 143 minutes 43 seconds. Elliott is expected to get the start Friday against Buffalo.

Only as good as your last game

Elliott pushing Leclaire out of picture

Brian Elliott may be winning accolades for his recent performances in goal even if he's yet to win the No. 1 job for the Ottawa Senators — at least according to coach Cory Clouston.

Despite posting back-to-back shutouts and receiving the majority of playing time ahead of Pascal Leclaire over the second half of the NHL season, the second-year netminder realizes he's only as good as his last game.

And, in a city where goaltending is often a hot topic, the Senators' crease is never a place to get too comfortable.

"It's, 'What have you done for me lately?'" Elliott said Thursday.

"You have to perform every night, and same with every guy on the team."

Clouston indicated last week that he'd likely establish a clear-cut starter over the regular season's remaining weeks, but with eight games left — including an important matchup against Northeast Division-rival Buffalo on Friday — he still won't tip his hand over who that might be.

"We'll see," Clouston said.

But while he remains coy on the subject, Elliott can be expected to start against the Sabres and it's becoming more obvious by the day that the job heading into the playoffs will belong to the 24-year-old native of Newmarket, Ont.

"We haven't talked about that at all," Elliott said.

"Just one game at a time really, and that's the best way to approach it, not to look too far forward."

A post-Olympic slide in which the Senators went 1-7-1 before their two recent wins most likely cost them a chance of catching the Sabres for the Northeast Division lead. Buffalo has a seven-point edge (90-83) over the Senators with two games in hand.

However, Elliott's play in the past two games, halting the then-streaking Montreal Canadiens at the Bell Centre on Monday before blanking the Philadelphia Flyers at home 24 hours later, has restored some confidence throughout the Senators' lineup.

"If your goaltender doesn't make you a save, you're not going to win a game," Clouston said.

Elliot is now 25-17-3 on the season with a 2.52 goals-against average and .910 save percentage.

In comparison, Leclaire is 11-13-2, with a 3.18 GAA and .887 save percentage.

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Kovalev out

- Senators forward Alex Kovalev practised Thursday but did not make the trip to Buffalo because of a lower-body injury. The team offered no further details on the issue and it's unknown how long he'll be out.

Fehr favoured for NHLPA director job

UNION Donald Fehr didn't come out and say he was interested in taking the vacant executive director's position with the NHL Players' Association, but it's clear a growing number of people within the game would like to see it happen.

The long-time head of the baseball players' union spoke for a couple hours at the NHL's annual agents meeting Thursday and won over a number of guys in the room.

"You don't run an association like the Major League Baseball Players' Association as long as he has without being substantive, powerful, politically correct, reasoned and very intelligent," said Pat Morris of Newport Sports. "He displayed all elements today."

Donald Fehr

Fehr has been working as an unpaid consultant for the NHLPA, assisting the union while it rewrites its constitution and tries to rebuild in the wake of a massive leadership purge. He's also assisting with the leadership search and has arguably emerged as the strongest candidate.

The 61-year-old didn't confirm or deny his potential interest in the job, saying only that he hasn't been offered the position.

"When I (left the MLBPA), I had no intention of looking for another full-time position ... if there's a change in my view I don't think that'll be a secret to anybody," said Fehr. "Having said that, I've had an opportunity to meet and talk to and work with a number of (NHL) players. ... I must say that I find them to be quite remarkable individuals.

"They're bright, they care, they want to try and do the right thing. I really enjoy it."

Fehr garnered a reputation as an uncompromising negotiator during his 26 years in charge of the baseball union. He oversaw five labour contracts for the players and was in charge during a seven-plus month strike in 1994-95 that forced the cancellation of the World Series.

A number of NHLers have recently thrown their support behind Fehr and a couple high-profile agents spoke highly of him Thursday, with one saying off the record the union would be "blessed" to have him.

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Butler rallies to beat top-seeded Syracuse

NCAA Butler became the latest mid-major team to knock off a top seed in the NCAA tournament.

Willie Veasley scored five of his 13 points during an 11-0 run down the stretch, and the Bulldogs rallied to upset No. 1 seed Syracuse 63-59 on Thursday night in the West Regional semifinals for their 23rd straight victory.

The fifth-seeded Bulldogs (31-4) fought through Syracuse's vaunted zone defence and kept the Orange (30-5) from getting their fast break going most of the night.

Now, after reaching the regional finals for the first time in school history, Butler is one win from going home to Indianapolis for its first Final Four.

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Ronald Nored, left, of the Butler Bulldogs celebrates after a call against Syracuse's Andy Rautins during the west regional semifinal of the 2010 NCAA men's basketball tournament Thursday.

Gordon Hayward scored 17 points and started the celebration while dribbling out the clock after the Bulldogs forced Syracuse into its 18th turnover.

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Na On Min takes lead in LPGA's first stop

Na On Min shot a bogey-free 6-under 66 Thursday to take a one-shot lead after the first round of the inaugural Kia Classic at La Costa, the first U.S. stop on the LPGA Tour this season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Men's silver medallist Patrick Chan holds up his medal during victory ceremonies Thursday in Turin, Italy.

Sterling effort earns silver

From his position on the podium, Patrick Chan took hold of his medal and held it up for a closer inspection.

It may have been silver, but pausing to look back on how far he had come from the malady and mishap that dogged him for much of the season, the prize felt pretty close to gold.

Chan captured silver at the world figure skating championships Thursday, putting the disappointment of a trying year firmly behind him.

"Silver medal is a gold medal for me this year, considering all the hardships from the beginning," Chan said. "I think this is by far the most challenging season, the season I'll remember the most because I learned 80 per cent of what I have to learn in my athletic career in this one year.

"So next year will be a breeze."

The Toronto native finished with 247.22 points, scoring 159.42 points in a free skate to Andrew Lloyd Webber's Phantom of the Opera, that was shaky in parts and left him about 10 points back of Daisuke Takahashi of Japan.

Takahashi, the Olympic bronze medallist and the leader after the short program, scored 168.40 in the free skate for a total of 257.70, capturing Japan's first men's title.

"It was hard but I did the best performance of my year here in Turin," said Takahashi, who two-footed the landing on a quad in an otherwise dazzling skate. "I'm proud to be the first Japanese man to win a world title even if I didn't give a perfect performance."

Former world champion Brian Joubert of France, who was third after the short program, landed two quads but fell on a triple Lutz and ended up with a total of 241.74 for bronze in a field that was missing both Olympic gold medallist Evan Lysacek of the U.S., and runner-up Evgeni Plushenko of Russia.

Kevin Reynolds of Coquitlam, B.C., finished 11th.

On the heels of a short program that was arguably the best skate of his season, Chan looked off-kilter for the first couple of minutes Thursday, falling on his triple Loop and struggling to hold the landings on a triple Axel and triple Salchow. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Virtue and Moir

- Canada's Olympic gold medallists Tessa Virtue and Scott Moir are poised to capture their first world championship title.
- Virtue and Moir won the original dance segment to remain in the lead going into Friday's free dance program with 114.40 points.
- Americans Meryl Davis and Charlie White are second with 112.54, while Federica Faiella and Massimo Scali of Italy are third with 100.01.

Head-shot rule takes effect

NHL Blindside hits to the head will no longer be tolerated in the NHL.

League disciplinarian Colin Campbell has been given the power to hand out supplemental discipline for hits on unsuspecting players where the primary point of contact is the head.

It was officially handed to him Thursday when the executive board of the NHL Players' Association announced that it supported the endorsement of the five player representatives on the competition committee. The league's board of governors had already granted its unanimous support.

The rule took effect immediately.

"We believe this is the right thing to do for the game."
Gary Bettman

"We believe this is the right thing to do for the game and for the safety of our players," NHL commissioner Gary Bettman said in a statement. "The elimination of these types of hits should significantly reduce the number of injuries, including concussions, without adversely affecting the level of physicality in the game." THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto Raptors Chris Bosh, Jose Calderon and Andrea Bargnani watch the dying seconds of their loss to the Utah Jazz Wednesday.

Raps searching for answers

With the season quickly winding down and the Toronto Raptors suddenly out of answers on how to improve their on-court performance, the players may opt for a little selective amnesia.

Forgetfulness might serve the Raptors well, especially when it comes to Wednesday's 113-87 loss to the visiting Utah Jazz.

The defeat dropped Toronto 1½ games back of the Charlotte Bobcats and Miami Heat, who are tied for sixth place in the Eastern Conference standings.

The score actually flattered Toronto (35-35), which struggled mightily against a Jazz team missing versatile forward Andrei Kirilenko. Utah star forward Carlos Boozer spent most of the game in foul trouble, and the Raptors still couldn't capitalize.

Thursday's practice was short and spirited, with point guard Jarrett Jack the most vocal Raptor in the post-practice huddle. He emphasized that the team needed to forget about what happened against Utah and get prepared for Friday's tilt with the Denver Nuggets (TSN2, 7 p.m. ET).

"I know everybody's looking at the loss, saying it looked bad," said Jack.

"It felt even worse. But you have to have a short memory in this game, know that game's over, and focus on Denver."

While it's a great idea in theory, the Raptors' lacklustre performance against the Jazz is sure to stick with a few players THE CANADIAN PRESS

Home woes

- The Toronto Raptors have lost their last two games at the Air Canada Centre by a combined total of 52 points.

Chan refreshingly honest

Refreshing. That's the way Patrick Chan is — refreshingly honest. And he discusses matters in such a way that he separates himself from most other elite athletes out there.

"It stinks," he said of his fifth-place finish at the Vancouver Olympics. "Then it settles in and you understand that you're not the only star here, Patrick. You're not the only one working his butt off to get somewhere."

That qualifies as an epiphany.

It seems the Olympic experience actually meant something deeper than a medal chase and an endorsement deal to Canada's top male figure skater.

This is the same skater who struggled with injury and parted with a longtime coach just prior to the Games.

Chan is a gifted world championship silver medallist who once wondered aloud if he could commit another four years to the dream once Vancouver was over.

"The Olympics transform you," Chan proclaimed, his eyes the size of frying pans.

"No one can explain it to you. They are a different kind of animal. Being with so many other athletes and seeing what they are capable of … the biathletes, speedskaters and ski jumpers, well, it motivates you to go on."

So at the world figure skating championships here in Turin, Chan is plotting a course. He claims it will take him to the next Olympics in Russia in four years. He's talking about getting the highly coveted quad jump, yes, but he's also looking into a crystal ball and likes what he sees.

"There's definitely no outside pressure on me," Chan said. "Here it's all about me. I definitely want to win and think I can."

That's the key. In spite of what unfolds in the present Chan believes he can win in the future. Something happened to him at the Olympics and it served to change his mind.

It made him full of wonder again.

"I saw that one day I could dominate," he figured.

"I saw that I could one day leave a lasting impression on my sport."

Chan is only 19 years old. His words have sometimes been misinterpreted as hastily conceived or even worse — false bravado.

Watching him closely now, one is left with a completely different impression.

He is a supremely talented kid who actually speaks the plain truth.

Gemini Award winner and author Scott Russell is the Host of CBC Sports Weekend seen Saturday afternoons.

Mountaineers get past Huskies

MARCH MADNESS Da'Sean Butler shook off a sore right hand and helped West Virginia shake off feisty Washington to reach the East Regional finals.

Butler kept playing after hurting himself midway through the second half and scored 14 points while Kevin Jones added 18 and eight rebounds in leading the second-seeded Mountaineers over the 11th-seeded Huskies 69-56 Thursday night.

Coach Bob Huggins' Big East champions (30-6) won their ninth in a row and set a school record for victories, surpassing the mark set by the Jerry West-led 1958-59 team that lost in the NCAA championship game.

Justin Holiday scored 14 and added eight rebounds for the Huskies (26-10), who were at a disadvantage after leading scorer Quincy Pondexter picked up his third foul with 4:27 left in the first half. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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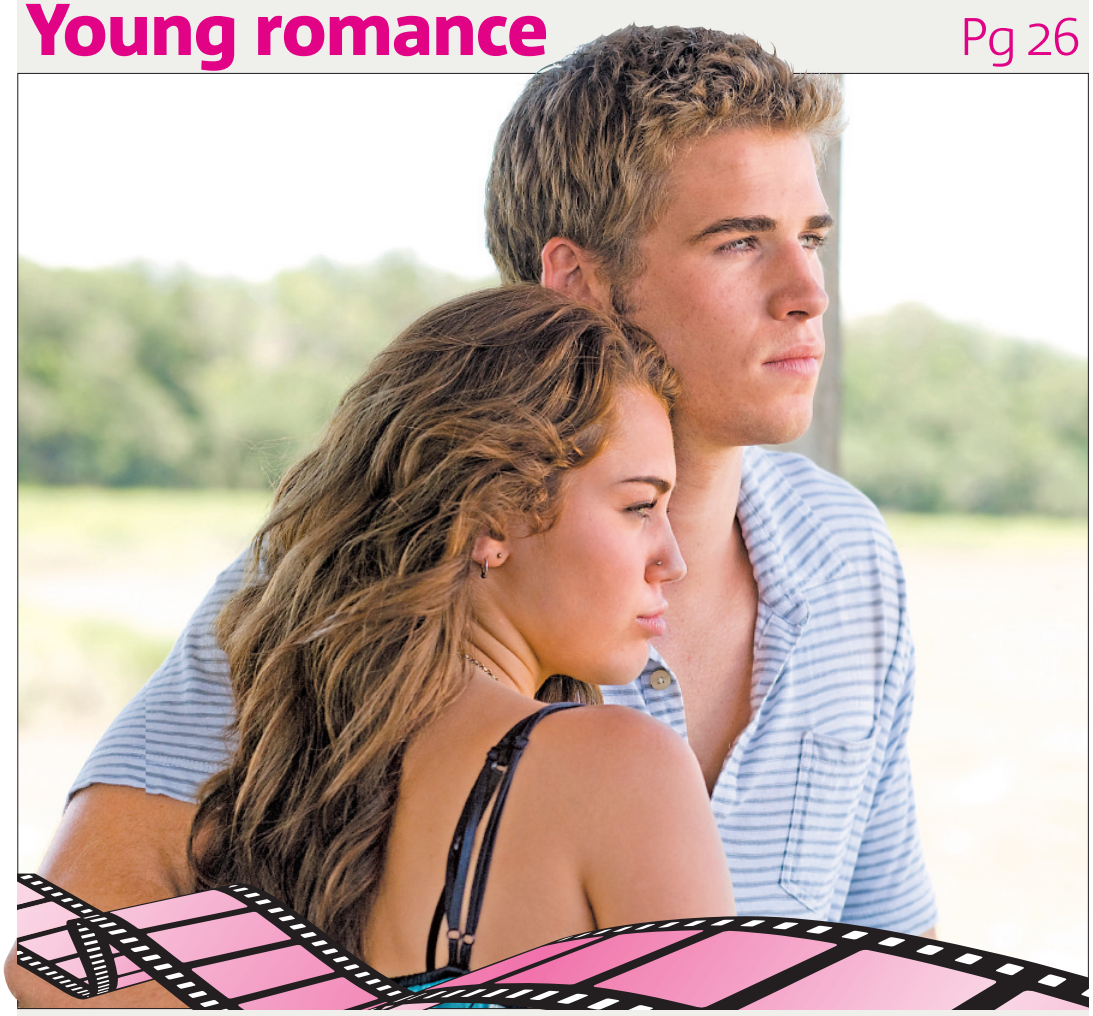

Australia's Liam Hemsworth stars in The Last Song with on- and off-screen love interest Miley Cyrus. The actor talks romantic movie settings, career challenges and the possibility of working with Cyrus again in the near future.

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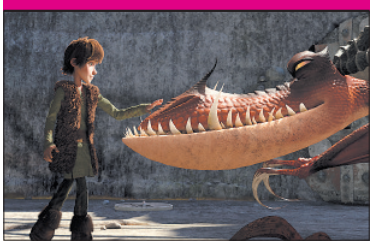

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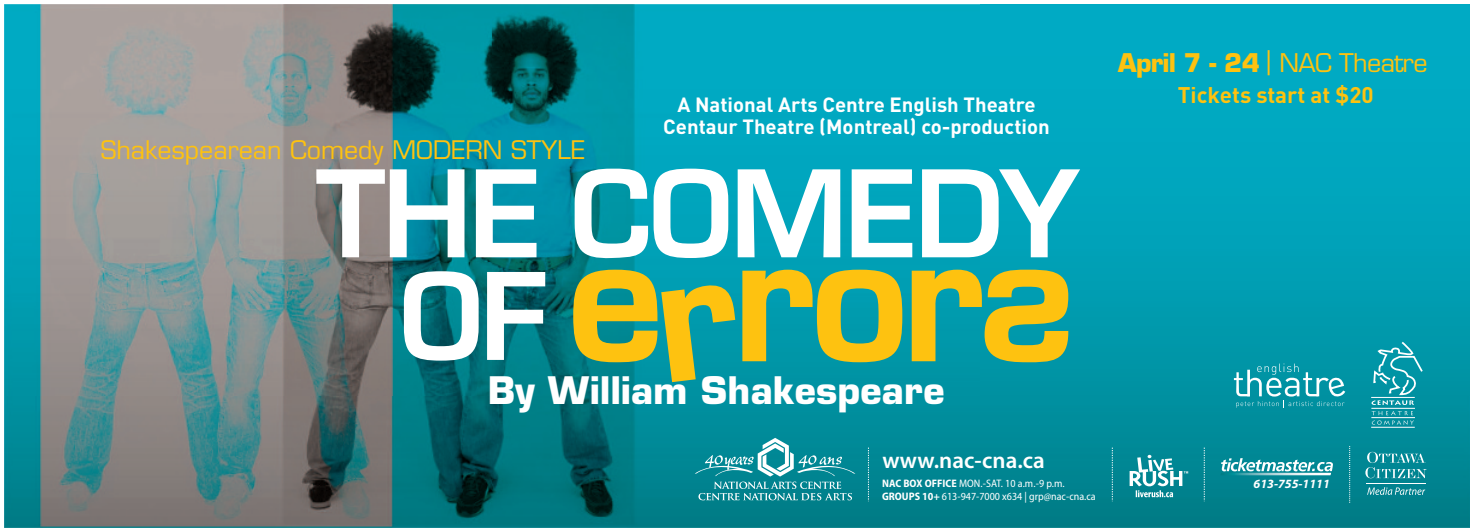

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Liam sings in the key of Miley

Aussie actor finds real love on set of Last Song

Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth share a moment in The Last Song, based on a Nicholas Sparks novel.

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

Liam Hemsworth, a striking young Australian actor who just turned 20, is in an enviable spot these days.

He's set to star in a potential Arabian Nights franchise, appears in the romantic drama The Last Song — from the highly commercial tearjerker Nicholas Sparks, opening next Wednesday — and he's dating his co-star, Hannah Montana phenomenon Miley Cyrus. It's good to be Liam.

The Last Song opens Wednesday

He's certainly a romantic. The way he describes shooting The Last Song, you have to wonder whether he's talking about Miley and himself.

"These are very real people you can relate to. When he met Miley's character, their attraction was

"We had great chemistry from the first time we met. It would have been hard not to become close there on the beach every day, it was so beautiful."
Liam Hemsworth

physical but became much more. They allowed each other to be more of themselves and stop letting people stop telling them who to be. Anyone can relate. It's about a young girl growing up and really becoming true to herself."

The close quarters of moviemaking and romantic ocean side setting helped ignite their romance.

"We spent every day together shooting down there (Georgia) and we had great chemistry from the first time we met. It wasn't too much work to show that chemistry. It would have been hard not to become close there on the beach every day, it was so beautiful. We were happy together and that's the truth, we enjoyed being together."

Hemsworth says he's too young to consider marriage. But he thinks they may work together again somewhere "down the track."

For now, they maintain separate schedules while trying to deepen their bond. "I went back to Australia last week to promote The Last Song. All my family and friends there and it was really cool. Miley couldn't be there because she was shooting in the U.S., but she did meet my family at New Year's. The biggest thing to me is family and friends."

Hemsworth is about to face his biggest challenge yet — fronting The Arabian Nights, a big-budget action film that's being positioned as a franchise. He stars as the princely commander of an army avenging the murder of their king with the help of Sinbad. However, Hemsworth isn't concerned about the weight of it.

"I don't think of anything about how it's going to be working on it. I have to focus on my part. I'm proud of my work but I don't think of myself as a rising star.

"It's weird to see yourself so big on a screen. In Hollywood, I saw them putting up a billboard of the film on an eight story building. It was huge. That's the biggest I've ever seen my face."

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How to tame audiences and keep them entertained

How To Train Your Dragon

Directors: Chris Sanders, Daniel DeBlois
Stars: Jay Baruchel, Gerard Butler
Classification: PG
Rating: ●●●

Jay Baruchel plays a Viking kid with a soft spot for flame-spouting beasts in How To Train Your Dragon.

STEVE GOW
for Metro Canada

REVIEW When filmmakers Chris Sanders and Dean DeBlois set out to make How to Train Your Dragon, they insisted they wanted to "up the age" of the popular book series. Now, the question is, did they go too far?

Adapted from Cressida Cowell's children's novels, Dragon tells a simple story about a wimpy, young Viking named Hiccup (Canuck actor Jay Baruchel) who just can't live up to the expectations of his macho father (Gerard Butler). In fact, even when he sets out to slay a wounded dragon and gain his rightful place of honour, he instead makes a fire-breathing friend in the formidable beast.

There's no doubt the film, with its simplistic plot and thematic familiarity, is still aimed at children, but there's a level of detail here that is often missing in today's family features.

For one, it begins with the animation. Meticulously crafted, Dragon's dark themes and stunning 3-D animation of battle sequences may even perhaps be a bit frightening to the littlest of ones.

In fact, the superfluous amount of over-the-top flying sequences and overload of action upstage a fairly ordinary story. In this case, it helps — as does the fact that Vikings and dragons are still a novelty in the family genre when compared to say, ogres or pets.

That, along with fairly effective casting (Butler's gruff grumble is perfect, Baruchel sounds like he's imitating Christian Slater), should make Dragon fresh enough to keep audiences entertained.

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Master falters in Chloe

Chloe
Director: Atom Egoyan
Stars: Amanda Seyfried, Julianne Moore, Liam Neeson
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●½

RICHARD CROUSE
for Metro Canada

Amanda Seyfried, left, and Julianne Moore star in Chloe, directed by Canada's Atom Egoyan.

Despite being a remake of a French film, the new movie from Atom Egoyan bears all the earmarks of the director's work.

Continuing his career long examination of sexual taboos and miscommunication he's made a movie that is part sexual Scheherazade, part Single White Female but is also his most straightforward movie in years.

Starring Amanda Seyfried as an escort hired by Catherine (Julianne Moore) to test her husband's (Liam Neeson) fidelity, it's a steamy thriller the director calls "an extreme examination of how to re-eroticize a marriage." Add to that a layer of sexual obsession and you get a film that feels like a throwback to the erotic thrillers of a couple of decades ago.

Egoyan has crafted a feature that breathes the same air as Fatal Attraction and Basic Instinct — films made when the director was busy making his own subtly sexual films like Exotica. At the time Roger Ebert wrote, "There is a quality in all of his work that resists the superficial and facile. Even at the very start, he wasn't interested in simple storytelling." Until now, Roger, until now.

There is no question that Egoyan is as gifted a filmmaker as we have working in this country, but Chloe, I'm afraid doesn't denote a high-water mark in his filmography.

He does, however, bring much to the table.

The film is gorgeous to look at — from the beauty shots of Toronto, to the collective "wowness" of the cast.

To match the rich visuals he's brought his own sensibility to the story, and instead of simply remaking Nathalie, the French film Chloe is based on, he has populated the plot with strong female characters. And, as befits any erotic thriller there are twists and turns galore.

Unfortunately most of them will be obvious to anyone who has ever read a Joe Eszterhas script and that is the film's Achilles' Heel.

The movie's closing moments play like a predictable B-movie, albeit a highbrow one, but a B-movie nonetheless.

Chloe marks the first time Egoyan has worked from a script that he didn't write and despite its ups — nice performances and beautiful photography — it made me yearn for the auteur of the Exotica years who would have made an uncompromising movie with a more dramatic ending.

Movie morsels

Alice In Wonderland
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REVIEW Tim Burton was born to adapt the surrealist fantasy Alice In Wonderland. The visually inspired filmmaker is known for the twisted imagination and affection for the bizarre needed to translate Lewis Carroll's classic universe to the screen. From a technical standpoint, his film is a triumph. The eye-candy will captivate anyone watching with those new-fangled 3-D glasses. However, there's little going on to stimulate audiences beyond the visual flourishes. .

Phil Brown/For Metro Canada

The Crazies
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REVIEW The Crazies deals with a cataclysmic viral outbreak that turns its hosts into blistering madmen and yes, it carries the weight of Dawn of the Dead guru Romero's name. But the fiends in The Crazies are not dead, nor do they hunger for human flesh. The film casts always magnetic actor Timothy Olyphant (mining his iron jawed lawman character from HBO's Deadwood) as a small town Nebraska Sheriff who gets swept up in the traumatic events following an outbreak of a biochemical virus nicknamed "Trixie."

Chris Alexander/For Metro Canada

Shutter island
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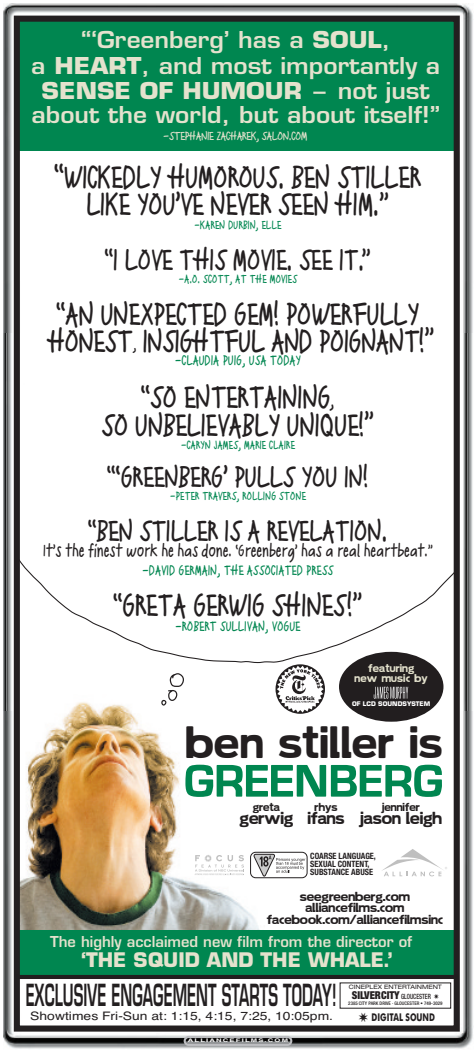
REVIEW Shutter Island sees director Martin Scorsese taking on a thriller with all the familiar trappings of the genre. While the movie does provide the requisite suspense and entertainment, Scorsese also adds his distinct touch to the project, making this B-movie veer dangerously close to becoming an A picture. Phil Brown/For Metro Canada



Antichrist slur against Cameron a joke: Beck

U.S. TV commentator Glenn Beck has apologized — sort of — for likening James Cameron to the antichrist. Beck Wednesday claimed he was speaking in jest when he said Cameron was "running for antichrist." IMDB.COM

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Laughing with the '80s

Hot Tub **Time Machine**

Director: Steve Pink
Stars: John Cusack, Rob Corddry, Craig Robinson
Classification: 18A
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐½

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

It's back to the cheesy '80s in Steve Pink's comedy Hot Tub Time Machine.

Finally a movie that asks the question, what would happen if the overgrown fratboys of the current R-rated comedies took a trip back in time to an '80s gross-out comedy?

It's a head-scratcher that has plagued man for generations and the long-awaited answer involves booze, sex, spandex, Crispin Glover's severed arm, and good times.

As you might have guessed from the title, Hot Tub Time Machine is a stupid comedy, but fortunately it's a self-aware stupid comedy that mines laughs out of how ridiculous it all is. No movie with that title should work, but this is a surprisingly funny little crowd pleaser.

John Cusack, Rob Corddry, and Craig Robinson star as a group of middle-aged friends whose lives peaked in the '80s with a trip to a ski lodge.

After a particularly bad week involving new ex-wives, infidelity, and a suicide attempt, they decide to return to the lodge (along with a young tag played by Clark Duke), only to discover a dilapidated town offering as much promise as their unfortunate lives.

Fortunately, spilling an illegal energy drink on their hot tub (don't ask) sends them back to an '80s ski comedy complete with bad hair, cheesy music, and evil jocks obsessed with Red Dawn.

Appearing 20 to everyone else, they all have to act exactly as they did before, leading to tear-filled infidelity for Robinson, Cusack regressing into a trench-coat misfit, and Corddry stealing the movie as a hookers 'n' blow-loving alpha male.

Director Steve Pink fills nearly every frame with an homage to '80s comedy.

It wasn't exactly a time of cinematic excellence, but that's part of the joke and the aimless fun of those films is perfectly recreated.

Sure, it's all pointless and disposable, but the laughs come too quickly to notice.

It's hard to care about dramatic subtleties when you're busy laughing at a grown man projectile vomiting on a squirrel.

• For a trailer of Hot Tub Time Machine, screen times and photos, visit metronews.ca/movies

Cooking With Stella tasty treat

Cooking With **Stella**

Director: Dilip Mehta
Stars: Don McKellar, Seema Biswas, Lisa Ray
Classification: STC
Rating: 🌐🌐🌐

ANNE BRODIE
for Metro Canada

REVIEW This gorgeously shot, exotic fable will leave audiences entertained and hungry. And perhaps wondering why they're rooting for a thieving opportunist.

Lisa Ray and Don McKellar are Maya and Michael, a diplomat to the Canadian High Commission in Delhi, India, and her chef husband.

They arrive at the official residence to an incomprehensible class system and a tenured, disapproving cook named Stella (Seema Biswas).

Stella's running a booming black market grocery business using High Commission food, a thirty–year old scam involving grocers, butchers, delivery people and the servant class, family and friends.

Her phone rings incessantly (Jingle Bells) with orders for Canadian goods ("Ice wine! Not rice wine!") and she pockets the proceeds.

It's a reliable system that has allowed her to elude detection by the parade of diplomats that come through. At night in her humble hovel, she thanks God for the riches he bestows on her and asks forgiveness for the way she gets them.

An honest nanny named Tannu (Shriya Saran) arrives on the scene and is soon scammed into handing over money to a local fellow who may or may not have saved her twice from street thugs. When her father gives her permission to do anything it takes to make money, she partners with Stella and it turns out, she's pretty good at it.

Meanwhile, Stella has grudgingly accepted Michael's presence in the house and has become his cooking guru. All is well as they bond over simmering spices, luscious fruits, and fragrant rice — until Stella is kidnapped and held for ransom.

It's a joy to watch Seema Biswas at work creating a character that is cunning, underhanded, mean and ruthless – and absolutely charming.

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Knightley, Gere sign up for Baumbach project
Noah Baumbach is gathering a cast of serious names for his next project, an adaptation of Claire Messud's novel The Emperor's Children — Richard Gere, Keira Knightley and Eric Bana are all signing on for roles. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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'I'm a very lucky boy:' Worthington

Avatar star tempts Hollywood fate in Clash of The Titans

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Movie **feature**

On the cusp of his 30th birthday, Clash of the Titans star Sam Worthington made a fateful decision to drastically reorganize his life.

"I loved my career. I just didn't like things about me," Worthington, now 33, says of his life in Australia. "I woke up, looked in the mirror one day, didn't like what I saw, so I sold the f—ing mirror. I sold everything to my friends. I had an auction at my house — had a gavel and everything. Four bucks for the TV, even sold the gavel in the end.

"It's like that Rudyard Kipling poem. Risk it all on a pitch and toss and lose, tell no one about your loss, and you, sir, are a man," Worthington explains. "And I thought that poem was quite inspiring. I just got in the car and drove and thought, well, something's got to give, someone's got to crack. And little did I know there'd be a man who could come along and change my life."

That man, of course, was James Cameron, who cast Worthington in a little movie called Avatar. And while he hasn't felt the need to hold another auction, the Australian actor isn't taking things for granted.

"Every day you pinch yourself. I'm extremely humbled by the experience of what Avatar has done," he says. "I'm a very lucky boy."

Sam Worthington goes up against Greek gods and demons in Clash Of The Titans.

When Metro spoke with Worthington before the release of Terminator Salvation, he said he was living out of two suitcases, one full of clothes and one full of books. A year later, not much has changed.

"And I've still got the same now. Don't own anything," he says. There has been one addition, though: a bicycle, which he rode to the Four Seasons this morning, past spectators waiting for the L.A. Marathon.

"Me and my mate bought a bicycle for me because he said it's easier to get around L.A., especially the way I drive," Worthington says, grinning. "So I ride around like the witch in The Wizard of Oz — little basket on the front. It's pretty funny, to be honest. I'm not a very good bicycle rider, either."

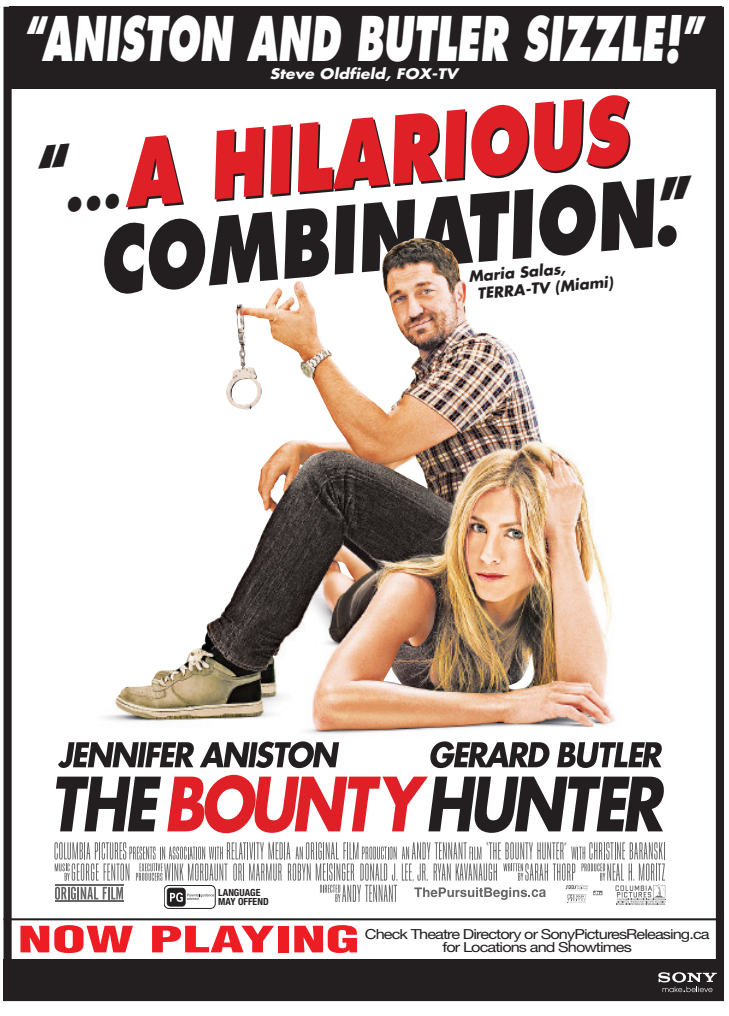
Clash of The Titans opens next Friday

While Worthington has quickly become a household name, he insists he isn't interested in fame.

"I'm not in this profession to be famous. That's a byproduct of the size and the scope of the movies I do," he says. "You want to be famous, you go on Big Brother. This job's too hard. And it requires a lot of skill and a lot of passion."

Since big-budget popcorn movies have been so good to him, don't expect to see Worthington applying that skill and passion to any small, character-driven films anytime soon (aside from the upcoming Last Night, co-starring Keira Knightley).

"I like doing movies that I would go and see. And I think that's a good barometer for how I choose my movies," he says.



Cody plays Young Adult

Diablo Cody has scored another job with the original screenplay Young Adult. The story follows a divorced thirtysomething young adult writer who heads back to her hometown in the hopes of winning back her ex-boyfriend. EMPIREONLINE.COM

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With a little Help from best friends

PRODUCTION Kathryn Stockett and Tate Taylor have been best friends all their lives. Now they're collaborating on a major motion picture.

DreamWorks Studios recently slated Stockett's firecracker of a first novel, The Help, for production. Taylor will be at the helm of his first major studio film.

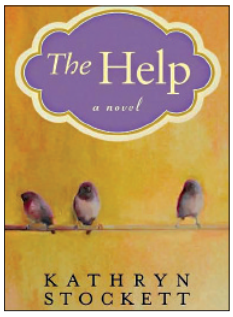
Watch out Hollywood.

"Tate is trouble and put it in capital letters," Stockett said. "He is so much fun. We had a ball growing up. We got in so much trouble all the time. I was always getting grounded when Tate was there."

The Help was a publishing success story of 2009 and remains on bestseller lists well into 2010. It's spending its 50th week on the New York Times list of best-sellers at No. 2 and has been No. 1. More than 1.9 million copies have been printed.

The book tells the story of a group of black domestic maids in 1960s Jackson, Miss., who band together to tell the sometimes sad, sometimes triumphant stories of lives spent toiling for upper class Southern whites. The Help is both uproariously funny and poignant, resonating with readers across the country.

The book seems ready-made for a film and Taylor saw the possibilities early on when Stockett showed him her manuscript. The creator of a well-received short film, Chicken Party, and 2009's Pretty Ugly People, he was looking for a larger vehicle to develop, and his best friend had just the material for him.



Kathryn Stockett's bestselling book The Help is being made into a film.

"She didn't even have a publisher yet and I said, 'You've got to let me option this,'" Taylor said in an interview from New York, where he was having casting interviews. "And she said, 'I'm going to hold you to this. It's going to be so much fun.' And then, of course, she got her agent and I was the last person in the world they wanted."

Taylor had a few things going for him, though, including his relationship with producer and filmmaker Chris Columbus, who greatly admired Chicken Party.

Columbus wanted to work with Taylor, but Taylor didn't immediately have a project, he said. Then, The Help came along.

"Nothing would ever stick and finally I told him about, The Help," said Taylor, who began working on the script two years ago. "And he read the script and he said, 'All right, this is the one.'" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stiller shines as Greenberg

Greenberg
Director: Noah Baumbach
Stars: Ben Stiller, Rhys Ifans
Classification: 18A
Rating: ●●●½

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Ben Stiller digs deep into the titular role of a middle-aged lost boy in Noah Baumbach's Greenberg.

The title character of Noah Baumbach's Greenberg would be a lot easier to hate if he didn't have such nice friends.

The question the movie fails to answer, however, is why such nice friends keep sticking with him — or why the audience should.

Ben Stiller immerses himself in Roger Greenberg, a middle-aged lost little boy, an ornery New Yorker transplanted to Los Angeles — after a brief stint in a psychiatric ward — to housesit for his brother.

Greenberg is simultaneously hostile and fragile, raging at the world through putdowns, criticisms and complaint letters to any corporation he comes into contact with.

That the audience — and his onscreen friends — finds anything to sympathize with is a testament to Stiller's undervalued dramatic chops.

About those friends: There's his longtime buddy, Ivan (Rhys Ifans), whose once-hopeful music career was scuttled by one of Greenberg's panic attacks and who now mopes around as a struggling father and rock-and-roll could-have-been.

Ifans plays wounded and forgiving well, so much so that the endless second chances he gives Greenberg seem completely believable — especially since his lot in life is the clearest collateral from Greenberg's self-absorption.

Then there's Florence (Greta Gerwig), his brother's twentysomething assistant, reluctantly drawn to Greenberg against her better instincts.

It's Ivan and Florence's ability to tolerate Greenberg that allow him to be a real character and not just a caricature of unpleasantness.

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Angelica Huston and Danny Huston will present Hollywood Dynasty: The Hustons at the TCM film fest next month.

TCM film fest showcases Huston legacy

TRIBUTE Anjelica Huston and Danny Huston will celebrate their family's film legacy at the TCM Classic Film Festival next month.

The two actors will present Hollywood Dynasty: The Hustons on April 24. The tribute will include screenings of three films and question-and-answer sessions. The festival, which is open to the public, will be held April 22-25 in Los Angeles.

Among the featured films is a recently restored version of 1948's The Treasure of the Sierra Madre, which their father John Huston wrote and directed.

"So many films get forgotten about and deteriorate, so it makes my family and myself very happy to see the kind of restoration Turner (Classic Movies) puts into these movies," Anjelica Huston, 58, said Wednesday in an interview. "It's very exciting, like a renaissance."

Huston said this is the first time that she and her brother Danny will have films in the same festival, and that having their work shown alongside their father's "makes us feel sort of dynastically active, so it's a lovely thing."

Huston said she's particularly pleased that her father's work is being preserved and can reach new audiences.

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Bassett joins Green Lantern
Martin Campbell has increased the cast complement of Green Lantern by one, adding Angela Bassett. She's signed on to play Dr. Amanda Blake Waller. IMDB.COM

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Have object, will time travel

InFocus

Richard Crouse

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"Everyone remembers the DeLorean time travel car from Back to the Future — chosen because its sleek futuristic look resembled a spaceship — but it wasn't until the third draft of the script that the filmmakers decided on the famous gull winged car."

Movies are like time machines. No, they don't physically transport viewers to another time and place but, like dreams and memories, they can take the audience back to ancient Rome or forward in time to a planet populated by giant blue people. I guess that's why stories about time travel have been so popular on the big screen.

This weekend John Cusack stars in the latest time travel tale, the self explanatory Hot Tub Time Machine.

For Cusack the idea of getting stuck in the 1980s doesn't require a time machine. A star for thirty years he says all he has to do is turn on the TV to be taken back. "Every time I flip through the cable, I have flashbacks."

In the movie Cusack and his buddies head back to the '80s, a decade that one of the more famous time travel movies used as a starting point.

Everyone remembers the DeLorean time travel car from Back to the Future — chosen because its sleek futuristic look resembled a spaceship — but it wasn't until the third draft of the script that the filmmakers decided on the famous gull winged car.

Originally the time travel device was a laser, rejected because it wasn't exciting enough. Then director Robert Zemeckis considered housing the machine in a refrigerator but discarded the idea over concerns that the movie may inspire kids to crawl into iceboxes and get trapped.

In the original script for Bill and Ted's Excellent Adventure, in which the titular characters bring historical figures back from history to help them with a school project, the time machine was a 1969 Chevy Van, but afraid of inadvertently plagiarizing Back to the Future the filmmakers went with a phone booth instead.

Probably the most famous time shifting story is H.G. Wells's The Time Machine.

In the 1960 movie version director George Pal fashioned the look of the time machine on a sled (a idea borrowed years later for the hardware in Jean-Claude Van Damme's Timecop), so, he said, it could slide into the future. Paying tribute to the story's author, he affixed a plaque on the time machine that reads "Manufactured by H. George Wells."

In 1971 when MGM sold off a warehouse of old props (including Dorothy's Ruby Slippers) the sled time machine was purchased by a collector who used it as part of a yearly Halloween display at his Burbank home.

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Shutter Island (14A) Fri 12:30-3:40-6:50-10:10 Sat 6:50-10:10 Sun 12:30-3:40-10:10 Mon-Thu 3:40-6:50-10:10
WWE: Wrestlemania XXVI 2010 (STC) Sun 7

EMPIRE 7 CINEMAS
111 Albert St., 3rd Floor, World Exchange Plaza, 613-233-0209

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 3:50-6:50-9:50 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:50 Mon-Thu 3:50-6:50-9:50
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 4-7-9:40 Sat-Sun 1-4-7-9:40 Mon-Thu 4-7-9:40
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri 3:40-6:40 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:40-6:40 Mon-Tue 3:40-6:40 Wed-Thu 3:40
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri 3:30-6:30-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-6:30-9:30 Mon-Thu 3:30-6:30-9:30
Green Zone (14A) Fri 4:05-7:05-9:45 Sat-Sun 1:05-4:05-7:05-9:45 Mon-Thu 4:05-7:05-9:45
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 4:10-7:10-9:55 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:10-9:55 Mon-Thu 4:10-7:10-9:55
Repo Men (18A) Fri 3:45-6:45-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:35 Mon-Thu 3:45-6:45-9:35
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 9:25

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Battle Creek Brawl (STC) Sat 11:55
Daybreakers (18A) Sun-Mon 9:45
The Frighteners (STC) Fri 11:30
Legend of the Drunken Master (14A) Sat 2:30 Tue 7
Machotaildrop (STC) Wed-Thu 9
Night of the Living Dead (14A) Fri 9 Sat 9:30
The Red Baron (STC) Sat 8 Sun-Mon 7
The Spy Next Door (PG) Sat 12:30 Sun 3
Twin Dragons (STC) Sun 5 Tue 9
Up (PG) Sun 1
Youth in Revolt (14A) Wed-Thu 7

OTTAWA FAMILY CINEMA
710 Broadview Ave., 613-722-8218, familycinema.ca

Dear John (PG) Fri 7
No Films Showing Today (STC) Sun-Thu
Wizard of Oz (Sing-a-Long) (STC) Sat 2

RAINBOW CINEMAS
St. Laurent Centre, 1200 St. Laurent Blvd., 613-688-0850

Alvin and the Chipmunks: The Squeakquel (G) Fri-Thu 10:20-12:10-2:15-4:40
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Thu 10:30-6:40
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Thu 6:50-9:20
Happy Gilmore (STC) Fri
The Hurt Locker (14A) Fri-Thu 10:40-6:30
Leap Year (PG) Fri 10:10 Sat-Thu 10:10-7:9:25
Precious: Based on the Novel ``Push'' by Sapphire (14A) Fri 10-7:10-9:30 Sat 7:10-9:30 Sun-Thu 10-7:10-9:30
The Princess and the Frog (G) Fri-Thu 12:30-2:35-4:50
Sherlock Holmes (PG) Fri-Thu 1:15-3:50-9:05
Slap Shot (14A) Fri 7:20
The Spy Next Door (PG) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:25-4:30
Valentine's Day (PG) Fri-Wed 1-4-9:15 Thu 4-9:15 Thu 1

RIDEAU CENTRE CINEMAS
50 Rideau St., 613-234-3712

Clash of the Titans (STC) SDDS Digital Thu 9:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) SDDS Digital Fri 4:15-6:45-9:10 SDDS Digital Sat-Sun 1:45-4:15-6:45-9:10 SDDS Digital Mon-Tue 4:15-6:45-9:10 SDDS Digital Wed 4:45-7:15-9:20 SDDS Digital Thu 4:45-7:15
How To Train Your Dragon (STC) Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Fri 4:30-7:9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Sat-Sun 2-4:30-7-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Mon-Tue 4:30-7-9:20 Dolby Stereo Digital, No Passes Wed-Thu 4:15-6:45-9:10
The Last Song (PG) Dolby Stereo Digital Wed 4:30-7-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Thu 4:30-7-9:20
She's Out of My League (14A) Dolby Stereo Digital Fri 4:45-7:15-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Sat-Sun 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:30 Dolby Stereo Digital Mon-Tue 4:45-7:15-9:30

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Alice in Wonderland (PG) Thu 9:45
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Wed 10:15-1:10-4:05-7-9:45 Thu 10:15-1:10-4:05-7
Avatar (PG) Fri-Tue 11:30-3:45-8
The Black Eyed Peas: The E.N.D. World Tour Live (STC) Tue 10:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 10:40-1:30-4:15-7:10-9:55
Clash of the Titans 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 10:35-1-3:40-6:30-9
Green Zone (14A) Fri 10:25-1:20-4:10-7:20-10 Sat 7:20-10 Sun-Thu 10:25-1:20-4:10-7:20-10
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 10:50-1:25-3:55-6:40-9:40
How To Train Your Dragon (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 10:30-12:55-3:30-6:25-8:55
How To Train Your Dragon 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:05-1:35-4:20-7:05-9:35
The Last Song (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 10:55-1:45-4:35-7:25-10:05
The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet (STC) Sat 1
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Wed 10:20-1:15-4-6:50-9:30 Thu 10:20-1:15-4-6:50
Repo Men (18A) Fri-Thu 11-1:40-4:30-7:15-9:50
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Mon 10:10-1:05-3:50-6:45-9:25 Tue 10:10-1:05-3:50-6:45 Wed-Thu 10:10-1:05-3:50-6:45-9:25
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:10-4:25-7:55

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CANADIAN MUSEUM OF CIVILIZATION
100 rue Laurier, 819-776-7010

No Films Showing Today (STC) Mon
Requins 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 1-4 Sun 10-1-4 Tue 1-4-7 Wed 1-4-8 Thu 1-4
Sharks 3D (STC) Fri 11-12-2-3-5 Sat 10-11-12-2-3-5 Sun 11-12-2-3-5-6 Tue 11-12-2-3-5-8 Wed 11-12-2-3-5-7 Thu 11-12-2-3-5
U2 3D (STC) Fri-Sat 7-8:45 Sun 7 Tue-Wed 9 Thu 8:45

CINÉMA DES GALERIES D'AYLMER
400 boul. Wilfrid-Lavigne, 819-248-2526

The Bounty Hunter (G) Fri-Sun 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Mon 7:10 Tue 1:10-3:30-7:10-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:10-9:30
Clash of the Titans (STC) Thu 8-10
Green Zone (13+) Fri-Sun 1-3:20-7-9:20 Mon 7 Tue 7-9:20 Wed-Thu 9:20
How To Train Your Dragon 3D (G) Fri 12:50-3-5:15-7:20-9:30 Sat 10:30-12:50-3-5:15-7:20-9:30 Sun 12:50-3-5:15-7:20-9:30 Mon 7:20 Tue 12:50-3-5:15-7:20-9:30 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:30
L'affaire Farewell (G) Tue 1-3:40 Wed-Thu 7
Lucidité Passagère (G) Fri-Sun 12:40-3:10-6:50-9:10 Mon 6:50 Tue 12:40-3:10-6:50-9:10 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:10

CINÉ-STARZ
1100 boul. Maloney Ouest, 819-568-8000

Alvin et les Chipmunks: La suite (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:35-3:10-4:45-6:20 Mon-Thu 12-3:30-5:05
Cher John (STC) Fri-Sun 7:50-9:40 Mon-Thu 3:35-7:15-9:10
Les Détraqués (13+) Fri-Sun 5:15-9:05 Mon-Thu 1:45-7:20-9:10
Flics en Service (13+) Fri-Sun 3:25-7-9 Mon-Thu 1:35-6:45-8:40
La fée des dents (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:50-3:40-7:15 Mon-Thu 12-3:40-5:30
L'espion d'à côté (G) Fri-Sun 1:45-5:20 Mon-Thu 12
Planète 51 (G) Fri-Sun 12
La princesse et la grenouille (G) Fri-Sun 12-1:45-3:30 Mon-Thu 12
Shutter Island (13+) Fri-Sun 7:05-9:30 Mon-Thu 1:40-4:05-6:30-9
Victoria: Les jeunes années d'une reine (G) Fri-Sun 5:25 Mon-Thu 1:50-5:30

CINÉ-PARC TEMPLETON DRIVE-IN
1779 boul. Maloney Est, 819-663-0915

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120 boul. de l'Hôpital, 819-568-6070

Alice au Pays des Merveilles 3D (G) Fri 7-9:35 Sat-Sun 12:30-3:30-7-9:35 Mon 7-9:35 Tue 12:30-3:30-7-9:35 Wed 7-9:35 Thu 7
Avatar (G) Fri 8 Sat-Sun 12:20-4:10-8 Mon 8 Tue 12:20-4:10-8
Le Chasseur de Primes (G) Fri 7:15-9:45 Sat-Sun 1-3:40-7:15-9:45 Mon 7:15-9:45 Tue 1-3:40-7:15-9:45 Wed-Thu 7:15-9:45
Chloé (13+) Fri 7:05-9:40 Sat-Sun 12:50-3:45-7:05-9:40 Mon 7:05-9:40 Tue 12:50-3:45-7:05-9:40 Wed-Thu 7:05-9:40
Le Choc des Titans 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 10
La Dernière Chanson (G) No Passes Wed-Thu 7:10-9:40
Flics en Service (13+) Fri 9 Sat-Sun 2:45-9 Mon 9 Tue 2:45-9 Wed-Thu 9
Journal d'un Dégonflé (G) Fri 6:50-9:05 Sat-Sun 1:10-3:10-6:50-9:05 Mon 6:50-9:05 Tue 1:10-3:10-6:50-9:05 Wed-Thu 6:50-9:05
L'Ecrivain Fantôme (G) Fri 6:30-9:20 Sat-Sun 12-3-6:30-9:20 Mon 6:30-9:20 Tue 12-3-6:30-9:20 Wed 9:20 Thu 6:30-9:20
The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet (STC) Sat 1
Percy Jackson et les Olypiens: Le Voleur de foudre (G) Fri 6:20 Sat-Sun 12:10-6:20 Mon 6:20 Tue 12:10-6:20 Wed-Thu 6:20
La Rage de Vivre (G) Fri-Sat 6:40-9:15 Sun 12:40-3:15-6:40-9:15 Mon 6:40-9:15 Tue 12:40-3:15-6:40-9:15 Wed-Thu 6:40-9:15
Repreneurs (16+) Fri 7:20-9:50 Sat-Sun 1:20-4-7:20-9:50 Mon 7:20-9:50 Tue 1:20-4-7:20-9:50 Wed-Thu 7:20-9:50

STARCITÉ HULL
115 boul. du Plateau, 819-770-1090, cinemasfortune.ca

Alice au pays des merveilles (G) Fri-Wed 12:15-2:45-5:20-7:45-10:10 Thu 2:45-5:20-7:45-10:10 Thu 12:15
Alice in Wonderland (G) Fri-Thu 11:45-2:20-4:55-7:30-10:20
Avatar (G) Fri-Tue 11:50-3:15-8
The Bounty Hunter (G) Fri-Thu 1-3:50-7-9:30
Le Chasseur de Primes (G) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:20-6:35-9:10
Chloe (13+) Fri-Thu 11:55-2:30-5:10-7:25-10:15
Clash of the Titans (STC) No Passes Thu 10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (G) Fri-Thu 12:20-2:40-5:05-7:35-10:05
Dragons (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12:30-2:50-5:15-7:40-10
The Ghost Writer (G) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:35-6:40-9:25
Green Zone (13+) Fri-Thu 12:40-3:30-7:05-9:50
Hot Tub Time Machine (13+) Fri-Thu 12:05-2:35-5:7:20-9:45
How To Train Your Dragon 3D (G) No Passes Fri-Thu 12-2:25-4:50-7:15-9:40
The Last Song (G) No Passes Wed 12:45-3:20-7-9:30 No Passes Thu 3:20-7-9:30 No Passes Thu 12:45
Remember Me (G) Fri-Wed 12:25-3:05-6:55-9:20 Thu 12:25-3:05-6:55
Repo Men (16+) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:40-6:50-9:15
She's Out of My League (13+) Fri-Thu 12:55-3:45-7:10-9:35
Shutter Island (13+) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:25-6:45-9:55

BARRHAVEN

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131 Riocan Dr., 613-825-2463

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 7-10 Sat-Sun 12:20-3:30-7-10 Mon-Thu 5-7:50 Star & Strollers Screening Thu 1
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri 6:50-9:30 Sat-Sun 12:50-4-6:50-9:30 Mon-Thu 6-8:40
Clash of the Titans (STC) No Passes Thu 10
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri 7:30-9:50 Sat-Sun 11:50-2:20-4:50-7:30-9:50 Mon-Thu 5:20-7:40
Green Zone (14A) Fri 6:40-9:20 Sat-Sun 12:40-3:50-6:40-9:20 Mon-Wed 5:10-8 Thu 5:10
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri 7:20-10:10 Sat-Sun 1:10-4:10-7:20-10:10 Mon-Thu 5:50-8:30
How To Train Your Dragon 3D (STC) No Passes Fri 7:10-9:40 No Passes Sat-Sun 11:30-2-4:30-7:10-9:40 No Passes Mon-Thu 5:40-8:10
The Last Song (PG) No Passes Wed-Thu 5:30-8:20 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Thu 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet (STC) Sat 1
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sat 6:30-9:10 Sun 12:30-3:40-6:30-9:10 Mon-Tue 5:30-8:20

GLOUCESTER

SILVERCITY
2385 City Park Dr., 613-688-8800

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:15 Sat 7:40-10:15 Sun-Tue 1:30-4:20-7:40-10:15
Alice in Wonderland 3D (PG) Fri-Thu 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:25
Avatar 3D (PG) Fri 11:35-3:10-6:40-10:10 Sat 6:30 Sun 11:35-3:10 Mon 11:35-3:10-6:40-10:10 Tue 11:35-3:10-6:40 Wed 11:35-3:10-10:10 Thu 11:35-3:10
The Black Eyed Peas: The E.N.D. World Tour Live (STC) Tue 10:30
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Fri-Thu 12:45-3:45-6:45-9:45
Chloe (18A) Fri-Thu 12:10-3:40-7:10-9:40
Clash of the Titans 3D (STC) No Passes Thu 8-10:30
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Fri-Thu 11:40-2:10-4:50-7:30-9:50
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Thu 11:50-3-6:35-9:35
Green Zone (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-3:25-6:10-8:50
Greenberg (18A) Fri-Thu 1:15-4:15-7:25-10:05
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Fri-Thu 12:35-3:30-7:35-10:30
How To Train Your Dragon (STC) No Passes Fri-Tue 1:20-4-6:30-9 No Passes Wed 4-6:30-9 No Passes Thu 1:20-4-6:30-9 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
How To Train Your Dragon 3D (STC) No Passes Fri-Sat 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 No Passes Sun 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20 No Passes Mon-Thu 12:20-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20
How To Train Your Dragon: An IMAX 3D Experience (STC) No Passes Fri-Thu 11:30-2-4:30-7-9:30
The Last Song (PG) No Passes Wed 4:20-7:40-10:15 No Passes Thu 1-4:20-7:40-10:15 Star & Strollers Screening, No Passes Wed 1
The Metropolitan Opera: Hamlet (STC) Sat 1
Repo Men (18A) Fri-Thu 1:10-4:10-7:15-10
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Thu 12:25-2:45-6:15-9:10
Shutter Island (14A) Fri-Thu 12:15-3:15-6:25-9:20
UFC 111: St-Pierre vs. Hardy (STC) No Passes Sat 10
WWE: Wrestlemania XXVI 2010 (STC) Sun 7

KANATA

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801 Earl Grey Dr., 613-599-1200

Alice in Wonderland (PG) Fri-Sun 11:15-2:15-4:55-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 2:15-4:55-7:40-10:25
Avatar (PG) Fri-Sun 10:50-2:30-6:15-9:45 Mon-Thu 2:30-6:15-9:45
The Blind Side (PG) Fri-Sun 10:55-1:50-4:40-7:30-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:40-7:30-10:25
The Bounty Hunter (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:15-11:25-1:15-2:40-5:4:50-7:7:45-9:40-10:25 Mon-Wed 2:4:05-4:50-7:7:45-9:40-10:25 Thu 2-4:05-7-9:40
Brooklyn's Finest (14A) Fri-Sun 10:05-1:10-4:10-7:15-10:15 Mon-Tue 4:10-7:15-10:15
Cop Out (14A) Fri-Sun 10:55-1:35-4:15-6:55-9:55 Mon-Tue 4:15-6:55-9:55
The Crazies (18A) Fri-Sun 12:15-2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30 Mon-Thu 2:40-5:20-7:55-10:30
Crazy Heart (14A) Fri-Sun 10:40-1:30-4:20-7:10-10:15 Mon-Thu 4:20-7:10-10:15
Diary of a Wimpy Kid (PG) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11:30-1:50-4:15-7:9:20 Mon-Thu 3:15-4:15-5:35-7:8-9:20-10:20 Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:30-11:30-12:50-1:50-3:15-4:15-5:35-7:8-9:20-10:20 Mon-Thu 4:15-7-9:20
The Ghost Writer (PG) Fri-Sun 10:35-1:40-4:35-7:35-10:30 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:35-10:30
Hot Tub Time Machine (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:25-11:45-1:20-2:10-4:45-5:15-7:20-7:45-9:45-10:15 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:10-4:45-5:15-7:20-7:45-9:45-10:15
How To Train Your Dragon (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 11-11:40-1:30-2:25-4-5-7:05-7:35-9:30-10 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 2:25-4-5-7:05-7:35-9:30-10
How To Train Your Dragon 3D (STC) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10-12:30-3:05-5:30-8:05-10:30 Special Engagement Mon-Thu 3:05-5:30-8:05-10:30
The Last Song (PG) Special Engagement Wed-Thu 2:05-2:35-4:40-5:10-7:15-7:50-9:50-10:20
Percy Jackson & the Olympians: The Lightning Thief (PG) Fri-Sun 11:05-1:55-4:45-7:40-10:25 Mon-Thu 4:45-7:40-10:25
Remember Me (14A) Fri-Sun 10:50-1:35-4:35-7:20-10 Mon-Thu 4:35-7:20-10
Repo Men (18A) Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:45-11:35-1:45-2:15-4:30-5:7-7:15-7:45-10-10:30 Mon-Wed 2:15-4:30-5:7-7:15-7:45-10-10:30 Thu 2:15-4:30-7:15-10 Special Engagement Fri-Sun 10:45-1:45-4:30-7:15-10 Mon-Thu 4:30-7:15-10
She's Out of My League (14A) Fri-Sun 11-

Top albums on the Billboard 200

1. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum; 2. Here I Am, Marvin Sapp; 3. Battle of the Sexes, Ludacris; 4. The Edge, Various Artists; 5. The Fame, Lady Gaga. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Ladies learn to regroup

New album inspired by struggles, departure of Steven Page

The Barenaked Ladies' first single following the high-profile exit of Steven Page was an anguished tune called You Run Away, featuring frontman Ed Robertson singing about a fleeing friend and a broken brotherhood.

All In Good Time is the first new album from Barenaked Ladies without founding member Steven Page.

And Robertson isn't being coy about the subject matter.

If You Run Away sounds like it was inspired by the departure of founding member Page — sample lyric: "I tried to be your brother/ You cried and ran for cover/ I made a mess, who doesn't?" — that's because it was.

"It was absolutely inspired by some of that relationship," Robertson said in an interview outside the band's crammed Toronto rehearsal space.

"But it's not totally about him, you know. There are lots of moments on the record that come from dealing with that relationship. I worked with the guy for 20 years and I knew him for 15 years before that. It's a huge relationship in my life.

"That parting is like a marriage breakup. There was a lot, emotionally, to sort through."

That's been the theme of the past few years for a band that's gone through more than just the loss of one of its signature voices.

The Barenaked Ladies, whose public image has always centred on the sort of high-energy, goofy good disposition required by children's television hosts, endured a tumultuous period fraught with private and public disappointments.

Robertson's mother died and he crashed a small float plane near Algonquin Park. Then there was Page's drug arrest (the charges were eventually dropped) and the '09 announcement that he was leaving the band that he helped found more than 20 years prior.

Those involved at the time said that scheduling had become a headache for the band, and Page said he wanted to pursue solo opportunities. The parting was said to be amicable.

But following the January release of You Run Away, Page seemed to take umbrage with the song.

After paraphrasing a line from the tune in his Twitter account ("He tried his best. But it wasn't enough," Page wrote), he responded to fans who lamented the apparently rocky relationship between Page and the rest of the band.

"That song was a pretty low blow, wasn't it?" Page tweeted. "I wish them lots of success, but it sucks being a target."

"I worked with (Page) for 20 years and I knew him for 15 years before that. It's a huge relationship in my life ... That parting is like a marriage breakup."
Ed Robertson

Robertson says he and Page haven't been communicating much since the departure (Robertson says he tried reaching out immediately after the split but says that, for now, their relationship is a "tough thing to bridge.")

But he insists he didn't intend to offend Page with the song.

"I would just say it's not a low blow," he said. "It's never intended as such. It's just a song. And it's not to him, for him, or about him. It certainly draws from that relationship but I don't do low blows."

Robertson doesn't bristle when asked about Page, greeting questions about the split openly and patiently ("It's not the elephant in the room," he says. "I don't mind talking about it at all.")

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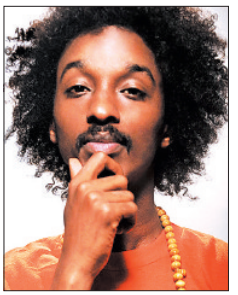

K'naan

Classified, K'naan to perform at Juno Awards

AWARDS The Junos have added a bit more hip-hop flavour to this year's award show.

Toronto's K'naan and Classified of Enfield, N.S., have both been added to the roster of performers for the Junos, which will take place April 18 in St. John's, N.L.

Rootsy Toronto outfit Great Lake Swimmers have also been added to the list of talent set to hit the stage.

Michael Bublé, Drake, Blue Rodeo, Billy Talent, Justin Bieber and Metric are among the performers who were previously announced.

Bublé leads with six nominations going into this year's Junos, followed by Drake and Billy Talent with four apiece.

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Amazon.ca's top albums

1. Recollection, K.D. Land; 2. All Days Are Nights: Songs for Lulu, Rufus Wainwright; 3. The Sticky and Sweet Tour, Madonna; 4 Valleys Of Valleys Of Neptune, Jimi Hendrix; 5. Love Filling Station, Jesse Winchester. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Music

Here comes the sun

Melissa Auf der Maur, Hole, MGMT highlight spring releases

SoundCheck

Now that we've left winter behind — technically, anyway — it's time to start looking ahead to some of the spring's big rock releases. Sadly, though, there aren't a lot of them.

Pop still rules the music cycle and many major bands are either coming to the end of their release-and-touring schedule (Nickelback, Kings of Leon, Coldplay, Green Day) while others have gone to ground completely (Nine Inch Nails comes to mind).

This, however, offers bands with new releases a path of lesser resistance. Here are some highlights.

Plastic Beach, Gorillaz (Out now): The cartoon band created by Damon Albarn (Blur) and Jamie Hewlett (the comic book artist behind Tank Girl) is back with a third album said to have been recorded on an island made of floating trash somewhere in the Pacific. EMI is praying that it does as well as the last two albums which sold a combined total of 14 million copies.

Out of Our Minds, Melissa Auf der Maur (March 30): After an eternity in Record Contract Purgatory, MAdM — ex-Hole and ex-Smashing Pumpkins — is finally ready to reveal an extremely ambitious and solo project that involves music (in both digital and physical forms), film, photography, a comic and live performances. As she told me, "I wanted to offer an artistic experience with multiple points of entry."

Congratulations, MGMT (April 13): Faced with having to follow up Oracular Spectacular with something, er, equally spectacular, MGMT elected to veer off into a completely different direction, creating a record that's meant to be consumed as a hole rather than in bite-sized chunks of singles. Bold.

Red Light Fever, Taylor Hawkins and the Coattail Riders (April 20): While his boss is off playing with Them Crooked Vultures (among others), Foo Fighters drummer Taylor Hawkins leads a band through a record filled with '70s-inspired power pop. Guests include Brian May and Roger Dean of Queen, Elliot Easton of the Cars and, of course, Dave Grohl.

Nobody's Daughter, Hole (April 27): She's baaacck! Courtney Love is finally ready with a Hole album, the first since 1998's Celebrity Skin. Although she's the only original member of Hole in the band, what I've heard so far sounds pretty solid. Skinny Little B— has done quite well as the first single. Listen for a Billy Corgan co-write called Samantha very soon.

And there's more. News on U2, Deftones and STP next week.

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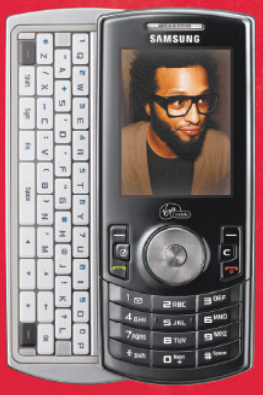

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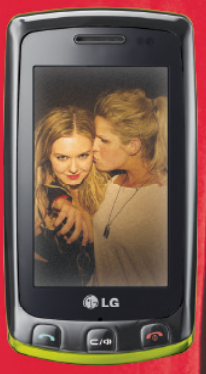

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Music

Norah Jones latest album, The Fall, was released in 2009.

Shakeup inspired Jones on The Fall

KAREN BLISS
for Metro Canada

Norah Jones doesn't feel it was brave of her to record her latest album, The Fall, with a brand new set of musicians, even though changing even one player can have an enormous effect on a band from the chemistry to the sound.

"For me, it needed to happen," says Jones. "It was time for me to mix it up and try new things. All the people I've played with, it was time for them to try new things too, I think."

Although the N.Y.C.-based singer-pianist didn't know any of the players before she got in the studio with them and producer Jacquire King (Kings of Leon, Modest Mouse, Tom Waits), Jones says everybody was really nice and she felt comfortable giving direction, when necessary.

"Some musicians take direction well and get better with a little bit of insight from the person they're playing with; some people do better just going on instinct and as soon you ask them to change one thing, it doesn't work anymore," says Jones. "Everybody's different. I learned that."

It worked out so well that those players are now her touring band. "It's just really fun to play and they sound great," she says.

Jones was first viewed as a jazz artist when she debuted in 2002 with Come Away With Me and then threw in some country flavour on 2004's Feels Like Home, both of which mainly featured other people's songs. For the next, 2006's Not Too Late, she wrote every single one, some as co-writes; same with 2009's The Fall, which ranges from the swinging rock 'n' roll of It's Gonna Be to the soft sultry pop of Chasing Pirates.

"The last couple of records have been all my songs and it's been rewarding. I feel encouraged as a songwriter," she says.

Jones, who turns 31 at the end of the month, has sold a staggering 40 million albums worldwide. Most people work in order to retire, to one day have enough money to stay home. What keeps her motivated?

"I like what I do," she says simply. "I like the music. The minute the music gets boring or I don't like it, I'm not going to do it anymore. That's why I have to keep trying new things and change it up.

"I don't know, I could be into staying home and hanging out," she laughs. "And I have the past couple of years. It's been a lot of work, putting this album out and traveling again and I do enjoy it, but there has to just be a balance."

KC and the Sunshine Band co-founder held in sex case

PEOPLE A music producer and co-founder of KC and the Sunshine Band responsible for such hits as Shake Your Booty and Keep It Comin' Love has acknowledged having sex with teenage boys, police said Wednesday.

Richard R. Finch, 56, was arrested Tuesday after a boy told authorities he'd had sexual contact with him at Finch's home in Newark, the Licking County sheriff's office said. The boy made the revelation last week.

Finch, while being interviewed at the sheriff's office, admitted he'd had sex with that boy and others ranging in age from 13 to 17, police said.

Finch, a former bass player for the band and a seven-time Grammy Award winner, was being held Wednesday at the sheriff's office on $250,000 bond.

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HMV'S TOP 10 CDS

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2. Need You Now, Lady Antebellum
3. All in Good Time, Barenaked Ladies
4. Valleys of Neptune, Jimi Hendrix
5. The Fame Monster, Lady Gaga
6. Plastic Beach, Gorillaz
7. All Days Are Night: Songs for Lulu, Rufus Wainwright
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TLC picks up Palin's Alaska show

Sarah Palin's Alaska, an eight-part documentary "about the remarkable Governor Palin and her home state of Alaska," will air on the TLC network, Discovery announced Thursday morning. The network was careful to describe it not as a reality show, but rather a travelogue. POPEATER.COM

Television

Biopic gets to the Cherry centre

The Don Cherry that most Canadians know is the outsized personality from Coach's Corner, the vociferous hockey icon who favours hard hits and flamboyant threads.

And Cherry is fine with that. It's revealing the other side of his life, as he will in the upcoming two-part CBC-TV biopic Keep Your Head Up, Kid: The Don Cherry Story, that worries him.

"Tell you the truth, that's one of the reasons I didn't want to do the movie," Cherry told The Canadian Press in an interview at CBC headquarters Wednesday.

"People like myself don't want to have it laid out there for people to see and criticize. ... That's why I really, for four years, I wouldn't do the movie. Nobody likes to see their personal life put out to everybody."

But Cherry, 76, eventually gave the film the go-ahead because it was his son, Tim, who wrote the screenplay and wanted his father's story to make it to the screen.

Keep Your Head Up, Kid follows Cherry through his childhood, his tumultuous minor-league playing career, his (tumultuous again) stint as a head coach in the AHL and NHL and his transition into broadcasting with the CBC, where he's been since 1980.

Jared Keeso of Listowel, Ont., plays Cherry from his hockey-playing days through the decades that followed with the aid of makeup, prosthetics and a wig, while Sarah Manninen portrays Cherry's late wife, Rose.

Cherry hasn't seen the film yet. He says he'll want to be alone when he watches it on Sunday and Monday — although he'll have company from his beloved bull terrier.

"I'm gonna be watching it in my basement with Blue and my goldfish," Cherry said. "I feel like I should do that because I don't know how I'm going to accept it, and I don't want anybody around."

Much of the film might be tough to take for Cherry, who has read the script. He says Manninen bears an uncanny resemblance to the real Rose, who died in 1997. And he says that revisiting his own life story has made him realize how selfish he had been, putting his career ahead of his family.

Indeed, the film doesn't gloss over Cherry's missteps.

Cherry — a reliably outspoken proponent of hard-nosed hockey — was exactly the sort of player you'd expect: a tough-guy defenceman, a gritty sort whose mentality and skillset was enough to earn him a career in hockey, but not at the level he wanted.

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CBC TELEVISION

Jared Keeso plays Don Cherry in the CBC biopic Keep Your Head Up, Kid: The Don Cherry Story. It airs Sunday and Monday nights.

Academy to continue doing honourary Oscars separately

CEREMONY The film academy is continuing its new tradition of presenting honorary Oscars at an untelevised ceremony months before the Academy Awards.

Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences president Tom Sherak says the second annual Governors Awards will be held Nov. 13. The private dinner event will be produced by past academy president Sid Ganis, Sherak said.

"In its first year, it turned out to be a really great evening," Ganis said Wednesday. "It was the sweetest, most personal way for the academy to bring extra special recognition to those artists and their lifetime accomplishments.

"It was relaxed, it was of course not televised, and it was super star-studded. My job is going to be to at least duplicate what happened in that first year."

"We'll keep making it something extraordinary, and we'll make sure that it has its proper moments on the big show."
Sid Ganis, past academy president

Some of the academy's highest honours, including the Jean Hersholt Humanitarian Award and the Irving G. Thalberg Memorial Award, may be presented at the event. The board of governors will meet in August to determine the 2010 honorees.

Lauren Bacall, Roger Corman and Gordon Willis received honorary Oscars and John Calley was presented with the Thalberg award at the inaugural Governors Awards last year.

"It's still brand new, and it's something that I'm almost positive will be around for a long, long time," Ganis said. "We'll keep making it something extraordinary, and we'll make sure that it has its proper moments on the big show."

Ganis, who served four years as academy president before Sherak took office in August, said he's excited to help pay tribute to some of the legends in entertainment.

"This is about my heroes," he said. "These men and women put out a lot of good, and for me to be a part of honouring them is pretty cool."

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Television

Nickelodeon honours Obama

First lady Michelle Obama is getting attention from the Nickelodeon kids' television network — and it has nothing to do with green slime.

Nickelodeon said Thursday it will honour Mrs. Obama with its Big Help award at the Kids' Choice Awards. She has taped a message for Saturday's show.

She is being honoured for her Let's Move campaign to help cut down on childhood obesity.

Nick has been working with Mrs. Obama on the campaign. It has donated $3 million to school and after-school programs to create opportunities for physical play. Nickelodeon executive Marva Smalls says that with Mrs. Obama's activity, forces are aligning not just to place blame but to move forward.

Not being present means the first lady will avoid being doused with slime, which Nick frequently does as a prank to people involved in its show. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Michelle Obama, pictured right, is set to receive Nickelodeon's Big Help Award.

FRIDAY

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3/26/10	265	353	2	TVO	The Art of Spain		Agenda With Steve Paikin		Heartbeat		A. Gregg	Film 101 (N)	Agenda-Paikin
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	Entertainment	ET Canada	X-Weighted "Kyla"		Shark Tank		NUMB3RS "Hangman"		News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	Degrassi	TMZ (N)	America's Next Top Model		Jamie Oliver's Food		Comedy Now	Comedy Inc.	Comedy Now
	196	311	7	CTV	etalk	Access H.	Medium		Criminal Minds (N)		The Bridge (N) (DVS)		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Rick Mercer	Marketplace	CBC News: the fifth estate		CBC News: The National (N)		The Hour
	-	360	9	NBC	Wheel Fortune	Jeopardy! (N)	Who Do You Think You Are?		Dateline NBC (HDTV)				News
	-	362	13	CBS	College Basketball NCAA Tournament -- Tennessee vs. Ohio State.					College Basketball: NCAA Tournament			
	216	395	14	OMN2	Family Guy	The Simpsons	Omni News: S. Asian Edition		News: Cantonese Edition		Two/Half Men	King/Queens	Cold Case
	214	344	15	CITY	Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Who Do You Think You Are?		Murdoch Mysteries (HDTV)		Mercy (HDTV)		News
	218	345	18	CHCH	*The Addams Family* ★★ (1991, Comedy) Anjelica Huston.				*The New Guy* ★ (2002, Comedy) D. J. Qualls, Eliza Dushku.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Action News	Entertainment	Jamie Oliver's Food		Jamie Oliver's Food		20/20 (HDTV) (N)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	TMZ (N)	Seinfeld	House (HDTV PA)		Kitchen Nightmares (N)		FOX 2 News (N)		News
news	500	500	33	CNN	John King, USA (N)		Campbell Brown (N)		Larry King Live (N)		Anderson Cooper 360 (HDTV)		
sports	406	417	27	net	Air Race Preview		Billiards U.S. Open Nine Ball.		Best Damn Sports Show		Sportsnet Connected		Prime Time
	126	730	28	RDI	24 Heures en 60 minutes		Les Grands reportages		Le Téléjournal (SC)		RDI économie	Le National	Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	That's Hockey	NHL Hockey Ottawa Senators at Buffalo Sabres. (HDTV) (Live)					Curling		
family	554	544	48	TEL	Johnny Test	Wolverine	Justice	Star Wars Clo.	Futurama	King of Hill	*Ghostbusters II* ★★ (1989, Comedy)		
	557	540	51	FAM	Sonny Chance	*Minutemen* (2008, Comedy)			*Johnny Tsunami* ★★ (1999, Drama)			(10:31) *Magic in the Water*	
	551	542	65	YTV	*A Cinderella Story* ★★ (2004, Romance-Comedy)				Things I Hate	That's-Weird	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol	Prank Patrol
cable variety	615	520	31	A&E	Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal Minds (HDTV)		Criminal
	628	584	32	SPKE	CSI: Crime Scene		CSI: Crime Scene		(9:11) CSI: Crime Scene Investigation			CSI: Crime Scene Invstgtn.	
	616	521	39	SHO	Relic Hunter		*NYC: Tornado Terror* (2008, Suspense) Nicole de Boer.				Pure Pwnage	Kenny vs.	Trailer Park
	520	505	42	DIS	Daily Planet (N)		Dirty Jobs		Man vs. Wild (N)		Explorer: The 1st Submarine		Daily Planet
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	603	561	95	FN	Ricardo	Eat, Shrink	The Wild Chef	Chef Abroad	Bobby Flay	Bobby Flay	Diners, Drive	Diner, Drive-In	Ramsay

SATURDAY

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3/27/10	265	353	2	TVO	Extreme Ice		*Dear Frankie* ★★★ (2004, Drama) Emily Mortimer. (DVS)				(10:15) *Volver* (2006, Comedy-Drama)		
primetime	211	331	3	GTV	16:9-Picture	renegade	*The Bad Son* (2007, Suspense) Catherine Dent.				Love-Death	G-Spot	News Hour
	209	342	6	CHRO	The Road to Avonlea		*Solar Attack* (2006, Science Fiction) (DVS)				Stargate Atlantis "Echoes"		Bravo!FACT
	196	311	7	CTV	W5 (N) (DVS)		Flashpoint (DVS)		Law & Order (HDTV)		Spectacle: Elvis		CTV News
	208	303	8	CBC	NHL Hockey Regional Coverage. (HDTV) (Live)						NHL Hockey: Canucks at Sharks		
	-	360	9	NBC	Paid Program	Paid Program	*Chance of a Lifetime* ★★ (1991, Romance-Comedy)				Law & Order: Special Victims		News
	-	362	13	CBS	College Basketball				NCIS: Los Angeles		48 Hours Mystery		CSI: NY
	216	395	14	OMN2	Most Amazing	Trendy Zone	*No Puedo Vivir Sin Ti* (2009, Drama) Wen-pin Chen.				Once Upon a Time in Toronto		Most Amazing
	214	344	15	CITY	cooking	Most Amazing	Glenn Martin	Out There	*The Rival* (2006, Suspense) Tracy Nelson. (DVS)				Crusoe
	218	345	18	CHCH	*Two Weeks Notice* ★★ (2002, Romance-Comedy)				*The First Wives Club* ★★★ (1996, Comedy) Goldie Hawn.				News at 11
	-	361	20	ABC	Entertainment Tonight		Dancing With the Stars The contestants perform.				Castle (HDTV)		News
	-	365	36	FOX	Bernie Mac	Seinfeld	Cops (N)	Cops	America's Most Wanted		FOX2 News at 10:00pm (N)		Wanda Sykes
news	500	500	33	CNN	Newsroom		Campbell Brown		Larry King Live		Newsroom		Camp. Brown
sports	406	417	27	net	University Hockey CIS Championship, Second Semifinal: Teams TBA. (Live)					Poker2Nite	Saturday Night Poker		Sportsnet
	126	730	28	RDI	Journal	109 (SC)	Découverte (HDTV) (SC)		Le Téléjournal	Grands reportages "Hommes à louer" (SC)			Le Téléjournal
	400	280	30	TSN	Curling 2010 World Women's Championship, Semifinal: Teams TBA. From Swift Current, Sask.							Boxing	
family	554	544	48	TEL	*Star Wars IV: A New Hope* ★★★★ (1977, Science Fiction) Mark Hamill, Carrie Fisher.						Chicken	Futurama	King of Hill
	557	540	51	FAM	Suite/Deck	Zoey 101	Suite Life	Han. Montana	*Superman III* ★★ (1983, Science Fiction)				*Haunted*
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	628	584	32	SPKE	UFC Unleashed		UFC Unleashed		UFC 111: Preliminaries		Disorderly Conduct: Video		Disorderly
	616	521	39	SHO	Slings and Arrows		*Lost in the Dark* (2007, Suspense) Mae Whitman.				*Night at the Museum* (2006, Comedy)		
	520	505	42	DIS	Cash Cab (N)	Cash Cab	Destroyed	Destroyed	Dirty Jobs		Verminators (N)		Ghost Lab (N)
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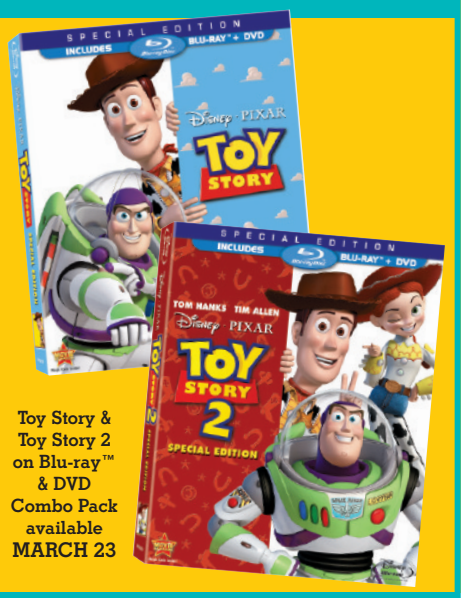

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Run to The Hills

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Going Out

Metro's 7th Heaven: Metro taps what's hot right now

1 Phoenix, Live in Sidney

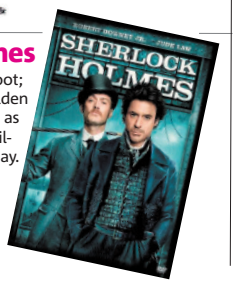
MUSIC The band Phoenix is giving fans a new reason to enjoy it — a free download featuring eight songs. Called Live in Sidney, the album was recorded Down Under and can be downloaded from wearephoenix.com.

2 Curious George

POP CULTURE Turns out the curious cartoon primate has more of a history than just getting into mischief. A new exhibit at the New York Jewish Museum suggests the children's book character was created by an equally interesting Jewish couple, Hans and Margaret Rey, who had their own curious adventures during the Second World War. thejewishmuseum.org

3 Sherlock Homes

DVD Ah, the game's afoot; Robert Downey Jr.'s Golden Globe-winning turning as Sherlock Holmes is available on DVD this Tuesday. The Guy Ritchie directed film also features Jude Law as Dr. Watson and Canada's own Rachel McAdams as a thieving seductress.



4 Joe Fresh Spring 2010

BEAUTY Cheap and cheerful is back with Joe Fresh's spring selection of makeup to give you a healthy glow and add some drama to those winter-tired eyes. With colours like Bloom, Berry, Honey, Papaya and Blossom, how can you not think of summer? For store locations, visit joe.ca.

5 Hot Tub Time Machine

MOVIE With one of the best B-movie-ish titles from recent years, Hot Tube Time Machine could be the mindless remedy everyone needs to beat the seasonal blahs. Who can resist seeing actor John Cusack return to his career utopia, the '80s. Along for the soak are "me"-era mainstays like Chevy Chase and Crispin Glover.

6 Everything is going to Kill Everybody

BOOK End-of-day talk isn't just reserved for the cultists and doomsayers; Now everyone can enlighten their apocalyptic consciousness with Robert Brockway's look at terrifying ways the world wants us dead — from natural disasters to gray goo, and space disasters to off-their-rocker robots.

7 Gap sale

STYLE Can't live without khakis? In need of a fresh set of basic tees? Grab 'em at Gap's Spring Sale, with up to 40 per cent off a range of items from blouses to blazers, and stash your saved cash for a round of drinks. Patio season is coming, people!

Mix of Six

Earth Hour

When: Friday, 8:30 to 9:30 p.m.
Where: Ottawa

City residents are encouraged to shut off all non-essential electric lights between 8:30 p.m. and 9:30 p.m. Join the Green Party at Parliament Hill.

Inti-Illimani with Francesco Gagnon

When: Friday
Where: Centrepointe Theatre

Inti-Illimani and Francesco Gagnon is a perfect opportunity to introduce Ottawa to one of South America's musical treasures.

Cinderella

When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 p.m.
Where: Greely Community Centre

The Greely Players present Rodgers and Hammerstein's Cinderella.

Where the Blood Mixes

When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Where: The National Arts Centre

The NAC English Theatre and Vancouver 2010 Cultural Olympiad present Where the Blood Mixes by NAC English.

The Ottawa Home and Garden Show

When: Friday, Saturday and Sunday
Where: Lansdowne Park

The 30th anniversary garden Show features 3,000 square feet of cultivated gardens.

Macbeth

When: Saturday 8 p.m., with a pre-opera chat at 7 p.m.
Where: National Arts Centre, Southam Hall

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For PETA's sake, stop wearing snake!
PETA is calling out the Price of Beauty star Jessica Simpson for wearing exotic skins. The animal rights organization is also criticizing fellow snake-skin lover Catherine Zeta Jones, Victoria Beckham and Sarah Jessica Parker, USMAGAZINE.COM

Entertainment

Octomom gets oddball offers

Nadya Suleman's octuplets have brought her plenty of fame, but fortune appears to be another story.

Her father, Ed Doud, has defaulted on a $450,000 US balloon payment on a half-million dollar house he bought last year for the family to live in, mortgage holder Amer Haddadin said Wednesday.

Haddadin told The Associated Press he plans to file foreclosure papers in court within days if he doesn't get his money.

Although Suleman's lawyer, Jeff Czech, said earlier this week his client's father was hoping to work something out, he was blunt when it came to the balloon payment: "Mr. Doud at this moment doesn't have $450,000 to pay off," he said.

In a brief email Wednesday, he added that he was negotiating with Haddadin's attorney for more time to refinance.

Not that Suleman doesn't have the opportunity to raise the money quickly, although not in ways she would want to.

Steven Hirsch, co-chairman of Vivid Entertainment, one of the world's largest purveyors of adult films, announced this week that his company would pay off Suleman's mortgage if she would make a porn film.

PHOTO PROVIDED BY PETA

This image provided by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals released Wednesday, shows a copy of a sign designed to placed in Nadya Suleman's yard for a fee to offset the cost of her mortgage.

Hirsch assured it would be, well, as tasteful as those things can be with her input on male co-stars and script.

"No porn. Just Peta. Nadya prefers animals over men."
Jeff Czech
Nadya Suleman's lawyer

Czech did say that Suleman had accepted a much more modest offer from People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals — $5,000 to put a sign in her front yard proclaiming, "Don't Let Your Dog or Cat Become an Octomom. Always Spay or Neuter."

"No porn. Just Peta. Nadya prefers animals over men," Czech said in an email exchange with The Associated Press.

The arrival of the longest-surviving octuplets in history on January 2009 was hailed as a medial miracle and it appeared a joyful public was ready to line up to help raise them, providing free diapers, food and other necessities.

But public opinion quickly turned against her when it was discovered she was a single mother who had conceived eight children by in vitro fertilization when she already had six youngsters to raise.

What's more she was unemployed and surviving on a combination of student loans, disability checks for other children and workers' compensation checks for an old back injury.

At the time she was also living with her mother whose own home was in foreclosure.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Once lost now found

BOOKS Six writers have a second shot at literary glory, 40 years after they missed out on Britain's top book prize. Finalists were announced Thursday for the Lost Man Booker Prize. They are Patrick White's The Vivisector, J.G. Farrell's Troubles, Mary Renault's Fire From Heaven, Nina Bawden's The Birds on the Trees, Shirley Hazzard's The Bay of Noon and Muriel Spark's The Driver's Seat.

The prize was originally awarded for books published the previous year. But in 1971, it became a prize for the best novel published that year — omitting novels from 1970. The winner will be announced May 19.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lips are locked

Will & Grace actress Megan Mullally has abruptly pulled out of the cast of Lips Together, Teeth Apart, a Broadway comedy that was meant to premiere in a couple of weeks, popeater.com reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

It's like a game of chess

BUT THE PIECES ARE CHUNKS OF HER OWN HEART In the wake of a scandal that has rocked her marriage, Sandra Bullock is quietly determining her next move, say friends.

Stunned by revelations that her husband Jesse James cheated with tattoo model Michelle McGee, Bullock "needs time to grieve and process what has happened," a close friend tells People in its new cover story.

The friend says Bullock, 45, learned of her husband's betrayal just eight days after her triumphant Oscar win Mar. 7 this year.

"Her family was everything to her," adds the friend.

Another pal tells People that while Bullock completely trusted James, 40, he could show another side of himself when she wasn't with him.

"Jesse is such a chameleon," says this pal.

According to a source close to James, the motorcycle mogul hopes to salvage his marriage and is currently focused on caring for his three children: Chandler, 15; Jesse Jr., 12; and Sunny, 6.

"He's trying to keep the lives of the children normal," says the James source.

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METRO NEWS SERVICES

A princely sum owed

PAY UP OR SHIP OUT Prince reportedly owes around $506,000 US in taxes, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

Carver County tax records show the Purple Rain singer — real name Prince Rogers Nelson — and his companies PRN Music Corp. and Paisley Park Enterprises Inc. owe the combined sum in delinquent property taxes to the state of Minnesota for 2009.

PRN Music Corp. — which is based in the musician's Paisley Park Studios in Chanhassen, which is located west of Minneapolis — alone owes more than $227,000 in taxes to the state and other government bodies.

Prince, 51, now has until April 21 to file an objection to the sum he and his businesses are alleged to owe, if he does not "a court judgment will be entered against the properties for the unpaid tax, penalty, interest, and costs," according to local newspaper the Chaska Herald.

However, he has until now and May 2013 to pay off the sum until any forfeiture process could start against Prince's listed properties.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Vogue covergirl? Fat chance

IN OTHER NEWS, TENTS SALES ARE UP, VOGUE SALES ARE DOWN. SUCK ON THAT, WINTOUR! Even with all of the fame and Oscar buzz Precious got this past year, that's still not enough to land star Gabourey Sidibe on the pages of Vogue magazine, popeater.com reports.

According sources, Sidibe's weight is what's keeping her out of Anna Wintour's publication, where being rail-thin is a necessity, adds popeater.com

Sources tell the website that the editors of Vogue magazine rejected the idea of letting Oscar nominee Gabby Sidibe grace its fashionable pages because of her size.

"She's a joke in the fashion community.

"What she wore on the red carpet at the Academy Awards wasn't a dress, it was a tent," one person with the magazine reportedly said.

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Can Cannes handle Campbell?

OR THE 12 TONS OF CAVIAR, 554 CRATES OF KRUG, 121 VENETIAN CHANDELIERS AND 643 OF THE BIGGEST EGOS IN THE UNIVERSE Cannes will be the place to be on May 22, when Naomi Campbell celebrates her 40th birthday with a lavish bash thrown by her billionaire Russian boyfriend, Vladimir Doronin, according to Page Six.

Doronin is reportedly spending millions on the "party of the year," which will coincide with the Cannes Film Festival to make it easier on some of the A-list guests.

"Naomi's birthday is going to be as lavish as other recent big celebrity 40th birthdays, such as Sean Combs, Jay-Z and Simon Cowell," a source says.

"Invites are already being sent out and people are expected to jet in from New York, London and Moscow."

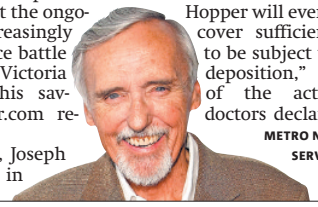
METRO WORLD NEWS

A deteriorating Dennis

NO COURT, NO CHEMO, NO CHANCE? Shocking new court documents report that actor Dennis Hopper is too frail to undergo chemotherapy for prostate cancer and that the ongoing — and increasingly nasty — divorce battle with his wife Victoria has drained his savings, popeater.com reports.

His attorney, Joseph Mannis, states in the filing — obtained by TMZ — that because Hopper is so terminally ill, he is unable to defend himself in divorce proceedings.

"It is doubtful that Mr. Hopper will ever recover sufficiently to be subject to a deposition," one of the actor's doctors declared.



METRO NEWS SERVICES

Looking for more mileage

ON HER HEAD OF EXTENSIONS. Before heading off to L.A. to be a guest mentor on American Idol, Miley Cyrus decided to make a last-minute appointment at New York's Gemini 14 Salon to get highlights and extensions, according to People magazine.

Her hair needed so much work, sources say, that she left her private jet waiting four hours while she met with her stylist.

METRO WORLD NEWS

What Rimes with Tiger?

LIGER, LAGER, LANGUOR? NAH, IT'S LEANN Before either of them were married, Tiger Woods and LeAnn Rimes reportedly dated, sources tell Us Weekly.

"They hooked up and everything," a source says of the 2002 fling. "Tiger was really into her. He likes those blondes."

Rimes' father reportedly insisted they call it quits because he didn't appreciate the seven-year age difference between the two.

METRO WORLD NEWS

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CelebTweets

ABBY ELLIOTT wants to see some fashion sense, **AMY WINEHOUSE** really wants to learn how to drive, **ROGER EBERT** wants a new pope, and **LINDSAY LOHAN** wants everyone to know her stumble wasn't her fault.

@elliottdotabby Uch Jesse James the least you can do is take off those overalls @amyjademermaid I WANT. DRIVING LESSONS..an machete BUT.I.WANT.DRIVING.LESSONS.MORE

@ebertchicago Pope Benedict didn't want to the Church to be harmed by scandal. Therefore, he should resign.

@lindsaylohan Only I would get pushed into a large, sharp plant by crazy paparazzi!!! I need to start wearing more flats

METRO NEWS SERVICES

Garry's really great idea

MAYBE SOME THINGS ARE BETTER LEFT IN THE PAST Garry Marshal is set to bring his classic sitcom Laverne and Shirley to the big screen, and he's looking to some of his Valentine's Day team to make it happen.

"Jamie (Foxx) and I are trying to do it. He's writing it," Marshal tells TV Guide.

"It's a whole different modern day take on how they came up on the streets during difficult times.

"Laverne would be this very tough girl with a big 'L' tattooed on her arm. Jennifer Garner would play Laverne and Jessica Biel would play Shirley."

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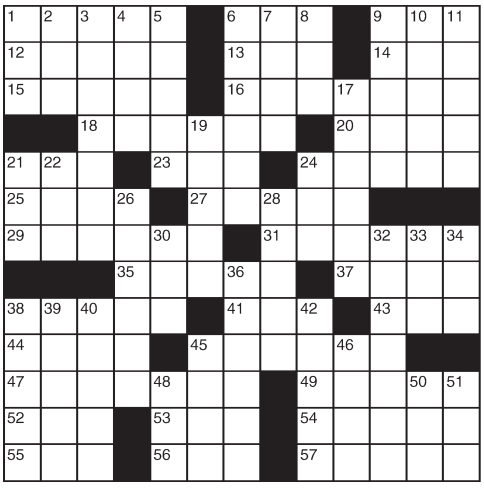

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45 Jet forth
46 Between jobs
48 Chapeau
50 Table scrap
51 IRS employee

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:

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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken Salad with Dates and Minted Yogurt

INGREDIENTS:

4 skinless boneless chicken breasts
2 garlic cloves, crushed
1 tsp ground mace
3 tbsp olive oil
1 romaine lettuce, torn
150 g arugula
4 scallions, sliced
398 mL can artichoke hearts, drained and halved
8 mint sprigs, chopped, plus extra to garnish
1 cup plain yogurt
4 tbsp mixed seeds (sunflower, sesame, etc)
100 g dried pitted dates, sliced

METHOD:

1. Preheat broiler. Put chicken in shallow roasting pan. Sprinkle with salt and pepper, garlic, mace and oil, then turn over to distribute seasonings.
2. Broil chicken until well browned on both sides. Test by piercing thickest part with point of knife; juices should run clear and flesh should be white, not pink. Leave chicken in pan.
3. Meanwhile, mix lettuce, arugula, scallions and artichoke hearts. Divide salad among four plates. Mix mint into yogurt and set aside.
4. Turn chicken over and sprinkle with seeds, pressing on with spoon. Grill for 10-20 seconds to heat and brown seeds. Add dates and stir with seeds and juices around chicken.
5. Slice chicken and arrange on salads with dates and seeds, spooning over cooking juices. Drizzle mint and yogurt dressing over and serve, garnished with mint.

SERVES 4

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ARIES ♈
MARCH 21-APRIL 20
You will fall out with someone in a position of authority today and it will be the kind of clash that innocent bystanders move out of the way to avoid!

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Someone at work or in your social circle will have a great idea today and you will be annoyed that you did not think of it first. Don't worry.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You may be tempted to get rid of something that has been in your possession for many years but don't be too hasty.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
If you let someone get away with statements that are clearly untrue they will take that as an invitation to lie to you all the time.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Today's Sun-Pluto aspect will give you the chance to get rid of one or two things, and maybe one or two people, you no longer need.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
It would appear that someone is deliberately making things difficult for you and the more upset you get the more they will do it.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Some of the changes now taking place in your life may not be too pleasant but the planets indicate they are necessary so go with the flow.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
If you look too hard for an offbeat answer to a long-standing problem today you may miss the more obvious solution that is staring you in the face.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
A work or money problem isn't going to just fade away – at some stage you will have to deal with it. Make the changes that matter.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
If you want something enough you will find a way to get it but you may then decide you don't really want it after all.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you are offered something free of charge today you will, of course, assume there is a catch of some kind. But is there?

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
Not every question has an answer and if you are smart you won't allow yourself to get worked up about something that is illogical.

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1934: The driving test is introduced in the United Kingdom.
1953: Jonas Salk announces his polio vaccine.
1958: The United States Army launches Explorer 3.
1971: East Pakistan declares its independence from Pakistan to form People's Republic of Bangladesh and Bangladesh Liberation War begins.
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